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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA BOYS CHOIR, INCORPORATED, ON BEHALF OF SOUTH FLORIDA CHOIR ACADEMY INTERMEDIATE/HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools (K-12), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community.

On November 18, 2005, M-DCPS Charter School District Review Committee met to review the application for South Florida Choir Academy Intermediate/High School and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the application to the Superintendent of Schools.

The charter school proposes to serve a maximum of 280 boys and girls in grades six through twelve, with a maximum of 120 boys and girls in grades six through eight in its first year of operation commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and through the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year.

The following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Charles M. Hood, III, Business Executive; Edward H. Hanna, Jr., Business Executive; James H. Williams, Retired Federal Agent; Frieda L. Brown, Banker; Ronald Tookes, Law enforcement Officer; Kay Sullivan, Civil Servant; Luis M. Gonzalez, Business Executive; Herbert H. Greene, Physician; Dipchandar Khada, Banker; Bessie Tomlin, Banker; and Robert M. Londono, Banker.

The charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

Copies of the application are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve the application for The South Florida Boys Choir, Incorporated, on behalf of South Florida Choir Academy Intermediate/High School; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and through the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.

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