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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF
THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH
ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC., ON BEHALF OF ASPIRA EUGENIO
MARIA DE HOSTOS YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As per Section 1002.33(7)17(b), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed every five school years.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., on behalf of ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School, was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 18, 2001, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2001-2002 school year, pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)12, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. A first amendment was approved on May 14, 2003, to increase the enrollment capacity. A second amendment was approved on April 14, 2004, to relocate the school to its current facility and to increase the enrollment capacity to its current maximum of 600 students.

ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School is located at One Northeast 19 Street, Miami, Florida 33132, and serves approximately 365 students in grades six through eight. In the 2004-2005 school year, ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School received a grade of "C" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education and its most recent financial audit revealed no audit findings.

Commencing with the 2006-2007 school year, the charter school has requested to renew the contractual agreement for a term of five years concluding with the 2010-2011 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on February 27, 2006, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation to renew the charter school contractual agreement with ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., on behalf of ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School for a term of five years.

Copies of the renewal contract 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, grant approval of the renewal contract with ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., on behalf of ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School, for a term of five years, commencing in 2006-2007 and through the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year.

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