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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EXCEL ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF EXCEL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

On December 14, 2005, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for EXcel Academy Charter School. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years.

The school will be located at 6001 NW 8 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33147. The school will serve a maximum of 700 students in grades kindergarten through five, with a maximum of 250 students in grades kindergarten through two, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2011, and concludes in the 2010-2011 school year.

The following is the governing board for the school: Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson, Chair; Charles Brown; Trelee Mustapha; David Shorter; Patricia Grimsley; Gwendolyn McNair; Debra Cherry; Devin Brown; Kenneth A. Duke; Deborah Robinson; Sabrina Baker-Bouie; Robert E. Weisberg; and Monique Delancey.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on May 8, 2006, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Excel academy, Inc., on behalf of EXcel Academy Charter School.

Copies of the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and 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.

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**RECOMMENDED:** Recognizing that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has previously approved the charter school application, it is recommended that the Board grant approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Excel Academy, Inc., on behalf of EXcel Academy Charter School for a term of five years, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2011, and concludes in the 2010-2011 school year.

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