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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LIFE SKILLS CENTER OPA LOCKA, INC., ON BEHALF OF LIFE SKILLS CENTER OPA LOCKA**

**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 Life Skills Center Opa Locka. 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 3400 NW 135 Street, Opa Locka, Florida 33054. The school will serve a maximum of 400 students in grades nine through twelve, 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: Alicia Rodriguez-Bower, Chair; Antonio Loredó; Ms. Judy Salvador; Ms. Dannie McNillon; and, Ms. Risa J. Berrin.

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 Life Skills Center Opa Locka, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center Opa Locka.

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.

**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 Life Skills Center Opa Locka, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center Opa Locka 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.