

May 31, 2006

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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF SOMERSET ACADEMY CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, states that a charter school contractual agreement may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Somerset Academy Charter Middle School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 19, 2004, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)12, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. A first amendment was approved on July 13, 2005, to allow the school to relocate to its current facility.

Somerset Academy Charter Middle School is temporarily located at 18491 SW 134 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33177, while its permanent facility at SW 177 Avenue and 232 Street, Miami, Florida 33170 is prepared for occupancy. The school serves approximately 75 students in grade six. In the 2004-2005 school year the school received a grade of "D" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education. The most recent financial audit revealed one audit finding.

Somerset Academy Charter Middle School requested a second amendment which would allow the school to remain at its current facility, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2014, and concludes in the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Copies of the amendment 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 second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy Charter Middle School to remain at its current facility, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2014, and concludes in the 2013-2014 school year.

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