

May 31, 2006

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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CHARTER SCHOOL AT WATERSTONE, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AT WATERSTONE

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 The Charter School at Waterstone was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 13, 2005, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)12, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools.

The Charter School at Waterstone is located at 855 East Waterstone Way, Homestead, Florida 33033, and serves approximately 977 students in grades kindergarten through eight. The school is in its first year of operation. As such it has not been graded under Florida's A+ Plan for Education.

The Charter School at Waterstone requested a first amendment which would allow the school to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 1,000 students to a maximum of 1,150 students, commencing in the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 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 first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc., on behalf of The Charter School at Waterstone.

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.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc., on behalf of The Charter School at Waterstone to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 1,000 students to a maximum of 1,150 students, commencing in the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year.

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