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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ADVANTAGE ACADEMY OF MIAMI, INC., ON BEHALF OF DR. JOSEPH COATS GRACE COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE ACADEMY

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 Advantage Academy of Miami "B". The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years. The applicant subsequently modified the name of the school to Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Advantage Academy.

The school will be located at SW 232 Street and SW 112 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33170. The school will serve a maximum of 750 students in grades kindergarten through eight, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

The following is the governing board for the school: Michael Goldschmidt, Chair; Ronald P. Renna; and Helena del Monte.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on May 24, 2006, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Advantage Academy.

Copies of the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to 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 Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Advantage Academy for a term of five years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

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