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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI SHORES**

**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 Miami Shores Charter Middle/Senior High School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on January 14, 2004, for a term of 15 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 May 18, 2005, to integrate the then existing Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School and convert to a charter-in-a-municipality, and change the school name to Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores. A second amendment was approved on January 18, 2006, to increase the enrollment capacity.

Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores is located at 11301 NW Fifth Avenue, Miami Shores, Florida 33168, and serves approximately 378 students in grades six through ten. In the 2005-2006 school year, the school received a grade of "A" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education and its most recent financial audit revealed no audit findings.

Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores requested a third amendment which would allow the school to adopt its own Code of Student Conduct to be used in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct. In addition, the amendment would approve the school's adoption of a Student/Parent Handbook and a revised Parent Contract, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2020, and concludes in the 2019-2020 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on June 22, 2006, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the third amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Miami Shores Village Charter School Authority on behalf of Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores.

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 third amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Miami Shores Village Charter School Authority on behalf of Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores to adopt its own Code of Student Conduct, revised May 2006, to be used in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct, a Student/Parent Handbook, and a Parent Contract, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2020, and concludes in the 2019-2020 school year.

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