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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER 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 Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 19, 2002, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. Subsequently, four amendments have allowed for a deferral to open, opening at a temporary facility, increasing enrollment capacity, and operating two campus locations. The current contract expires on June 30, 2012.

Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School is located at 3634 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133, and serves approximately 15 students in grades six and seven. Since opening in August 2003, the school has not been eligible for grading under Florida's A+ Plan for Education because it did not meet the criteria for the minimum number of students tested. The most recent financial audit revealed no audit findings.

Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School requested a fifth amendment which would allow the school to operate a campus at the Mater Academy East Charter School located at 450 SW 4 Street, Miami, Florida 33130, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and until such a time as its permanent facility at 3629 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133 is ready for occupancy. At this time, the school anticipates that the permanent facility will be completed by June 2007.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on May 24, 2006, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the fifth amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter 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 fifth amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School to operate a campus at space at the Mater Academy East Charter School located at 450 SW 4 Street, Miami, Florida 33130, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and until such a time as its permanent facility at 3629 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133 is ready for occupancy.