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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL AT BAY POINT, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AT BAY POINT AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools (K-12), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community.

The Charter School at Bay Point had submitted an application in 2005 that was denied by the School Board due to deficiencies in financial management, core curriculum and other areas. The new application submitted this year addressed all of the deficiencies previously identified. On November 7, 2006, M-DCPS Charter School District Review Committee met to review the application for The Charter School at Bay Point and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the application to the Superintendent of Schools.

The charter school proposes to serve a diverse group of students who have had previously limited academic success, and will operate in conjunction with the residential Department of Juvenile Justice program at Bay Point Schools, serving a maximum of 375 students in grades six through twelve commencing with the 2007-2008 school year, and continuing throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

The following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Mr. Robert R. Muñoz, Banker, Mr. Alcides I. Avila, Attorney, Mr. Charles L. Gomes, Certified Public Accountant, and Dr. Mary Louise Cole-Wood, Educator.

The charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

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Copies of the application 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:

1. approve the charter school application for The Charter School at Bay Point, Inc., on behalf of The Charter School at Bay Point; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.

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