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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ROSA PARKS CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC., ON BEHALF OF ROSA PARKS CHARTER SCHOOL/FLORIDA CITY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

As per Section 1002.33(7)17(b)(1), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed provided that a program review demonstrates that the School has met the criteria stipulated in its charter and that none of the grounds for non-renewal has been documented.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Rosa Parks Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City, was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 23, 1999, for a term of three years, commencing with the 1999-2000 school year. The Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City contractual agreement was renewed on May 15, 2002, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year.

Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City is located at 713 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034, and 303 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034, serving approximately 174 students in grades kindergarten through eight. Since its inception, Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City has received the following grades under Florida's A+ (and A++) Plans for Education: 2001-2002, not graded; 2002-2003, F; 2003-2004, D; 2004-2005, C; and 2005-2006, D. The most recent financial audit revealed no audit findings.

Due to concerns over the school's persistent low academic performance, the requested renewal of the contractual agreement will be limited to a term of two years commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and concluding with the 2008-2009 school year. During this term, the School will be required to comply with an action plan to improve student academic achievement. Based on enrollment trends, the School's enrollment capacity will also be reduced from the current maximum of 600 students to a maximum of 400 students.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on February 21, 2007, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation to renew the charter school contractual agreement with Rosa Parks Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City for a term of two years commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and concluding with the 2008-2009 school year.

Copies of the renewal contract 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. grant approval of the renewal contract with Rosa Parks Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City, for a term of two years, commencing in 2007-2008 and through the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year; and
2. grant approval of the reduction in enrollment from the current maximum of 600 students to a maximum of 400 students.

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