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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER
 SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EXCEL ACADEMY,
 INC., ON BEHALF OF EXCEL ACADEMY MIDDLE CHARTER
 SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

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 January 17, 2007, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for EXcel Academy Middle Charter School and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years.

The school will be located at 4850-60 NW 17 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33147. The school will serve a maximum of 750 students in grades six through eight with a maximum of 350 students in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year, and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

The following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Commissioner Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson; City of Opa Locka Commissioner; Professor Annie Ruth Brown, Educator; Dr. Patricia Grimsley, Educational Administrator; Mrs. Anita Sandler, M-DCPS Retiree; Mr. Bobby Johnson, Recreational Director; Mr. Darryl Baxter, Human Resources Developer; Ms. Janice Powell Hopton Cobb, Educational Supervisor; and Mr. Udonis Haslem, Professional Basketball Player.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on March 12, 2007, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with EXcel Academy, Inc. on behalf of EXcel Academy Middle Charter School.

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Copies of the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and will be 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: 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 EXcel Academy, Inc., on behalf of EXcel Academy Middle Charter School for a term of five years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year, and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

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