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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF SOUTH FLORIDA CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC., ON BEHALF OF EARLY BEGINNINGS ACADEMY – CIVIC CENTER**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS**

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 agreements for Early Beginnings Academy – Civic Center and Early Beginnings Academy – North Shore were approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 13, 2005, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)12, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. A first amendment was approved for both charter schools on July 13, 2005, to allow both schools to increase grade levels and enrollment capacity.

United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida Charter Schools, Inc. has requested to consolidate the two existing contractual agreements into one charter school with multiple campuses, under a single contractual agreement. To affect such action, Early Beginnings Academy – Civic Center has requested a second amendment to its contractual agreement to include the North Shore campus, add a satellite campus in Hialeah, and increase enrollment capacity to accommodate the transfer of the Early Beginnings Academy - North Shore membership to the Early Beginnings Academy – Civic Center. Additionally, Early Beginnings Academy - Civic Center is requesting to increase the grade level configuration from pre-kindergarten through kindergarten to pre-kindergarten through grade one, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year.

Currently, Early Beginnings Academy – Civic Center is located at 1411 NW 14 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33125, and serves approximately 57 students in grades pre-kindergarten through kindergarten. Early Beginnings Academy – North Shore is located at 985 NW 91 Street, Miami, Florida 33150, and serves approximately 36 students in grades pre-kindergarten through kindergarten.

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The School is not eligible to receive a grade under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. Pursuant to State Board Rule 6A-1.09981, all schools must serve at least 30 students with valid FCAT scores in reading and math in both the current year and the previous year to receive school grades. Their most recent financial audits revealed no audit findings.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on March 26, 2007, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Early Beginnings Academy – Civic.

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:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve the consolidation of the two existing contractual agreements with United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Early Beginnings Academy – Civic Center and Early Beginnings Academy – North Shore, effective June 30, 2007; and
2. grant approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement, with United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Early Beginnings Academy – Civic Center, commencing the 2007-2008 school year, as described below:
  - a. add two campuses (North Shore – 985 NW 91 Street, Miami, Florida 33150 and Hialeah – 2700 W 81 Street, Hialeah, Florida 33016);
  - b. increase overall maximum enrollment capacity from 80 students to 150 students; and
  - c. increase the grade level configuration from pre-kindergarten through kindergarten to pre-kindergarten through grade one.

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