Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of May 16, 2007

May 2, 2007

Antoinette Dunbar, Deputy Superintendent
Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LIFE SKILLS CENTER – LIBERTY CITY AREA, INC., ON BEHALF OF LIFE SKILLS CENTER – LIBERTY CITY AREA

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 December 14, 2005, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Life Skills Center – Liberty City Area 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 7900 NW 27 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33147. The school will serve a maximum of 500 students in grades nine through twelve 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: Judy Salvador, Human Resources Executive; Jose Antonio Loredo, Attorney; Alicia Rodriguez-Bower, Educational Administrator; Risa J. Berrin, Children's Advocate; Simone Ruiz-Payne Narcis, Educator; Dean William VanderWyden, Educator; and Dannie McMillon, Community Activist.

On April 17, 2007, the Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Life Skills Center – Liberty City Area, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center – Liberty City Area.

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Copies of the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and 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 charter school contractual agreement with Life Skills Center – Liberty City Area, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center – Liberty City Area 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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