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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EXCELSIOR ACADEMY OF MIAMI, INC., ON BEHALF OF EXCELSIOR ACADEMY OF MIAMI

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 agreement for Excelsior Academy of Miami was 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, to serve a maximum of 450 students in grades kindergarten through five. Due to unforeseen delays, Excelsior Academy of Miami requested an amendment to its contractual agreement to defer the opening of the school for a period of up to three years. The first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement to defer the opening of the school was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on July 13, 2005.

Excelsior Academy of Miami has requested a second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement to change its location, reduce its enrollment capacity and change its school name. Excelsior Academy of Miami would like to change the school's location from 50 NE 119 Street, Miami, Florida 33161, to 200 NE 178 Street, Sunny Isles, Florida 33180, and commence school operations in the 2007-2008 school year. Due to the deferred opening, only three years remain in the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year. Constraints related to the size of the proposed facility at the new location requires a reduction of the maximum enrollment capacity from 450 students to 200 students. Additionally, pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.417, Charter Schools (K-12), paragraph (13)(i.), regarding the naming of charter schools, the School is also requesting to change the school name from Excelsior Academy of Miami to Sunny Isles Charter Day School.

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The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on June 12, 2007, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Excelsior Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Excelsior Academy of Miami.

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, grant approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Excelsior Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Excelsior Academy of Miami, to:

1. approve the change of the school's location to 200 NE 178 Street, Sunny Isles, Florida 33180, and commence school operations in the 2007-2008 school year, effective throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year; and
2. approve the reduction in maximum enrollment capacity to 200 students in grades kindergarten through five.
3. approve the name change of the charter school to Sunny Isles Charter Day School, effective immediately.

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