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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER GARDENS ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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 Mater Gardens Academy Middle School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 14, 2006, to serve a maximum of 450 students in grades six through eight, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year. Mater Gardens Academy Middle School is currently located at 9010 NW 178 Lane, Miami Gardens, Florida 33018, and serves approximately 27 students in grade six.

The School has requested a first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement to add a campus at 10505 NW 80 Avenue, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2016, and concludes in the 2015-2016 school year.

The School is in its first year of operation; therefore, it has not yet received a grade under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability and has not yet been audited. 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. The School is scheduled for its first audit after the conclusion of the school year. The school is required to submit audited financial statements by September 1, 2007, in preparation of its first independent audit.

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

Copies of the amendment to 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 first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Gardens Academy Middle School to add a campus at 10505 NW 80 Avenue, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2016, and concludes in the 2015-2016 school year.

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