

July 19, 2007

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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST  
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL  
AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF  
MATER ACADEMY LAKES 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 Academy Lakes Middle School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 14, 2006, to serve a maximum of 900 students in grades six through eight for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year. The location approved under the initial charter school contractual agreement was 5875 NW 163 Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014. However, due to facility issues, a temporary relocation to 9010 NW 178 Lane, Miami Gardens, Florida 33018, was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on July 12, 2006.

Mater Academy Lakes Middle School is located at the temporary site of 9010 NW 178 Lane, Miami Gardens, Florida 33018, and serves approximately 223 students in grades six through eight. Mater Academy Lakes Middle School has requested a first amendment 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. If approved, Mater Academy Lakes Middle School will operate from two campuses: 5875 NW 163 Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014 and 10505 NW 80 Avenue, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016.

For the 2006-2007 school year, the School received a grade of "C" under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. The School is required to submit audited financial statements by September 1, 2007, in preparation of its first independent audit.

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The Charter School Contract Review Committee reviewed the proposed contractual amendment on June 12, 2007 and June 27, 2007, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Lakes Middle School.

Copies of the amendment to 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 Academy Lakes 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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