

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 THE EXCEL ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF  
EXCEL ACADEMY CHARTER 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 EXcel Academy Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 14, 2006, to serve a maximum of 700 students in grades kindergarten through five for a term of five years, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year. The location approved under the initial charter school contractual agreement was 6001 NW Eighth Avenue, Miami, Florida 33127.

EXcel Academy Charter School serves approximately 48 students in grades kindergarten through five. EXcel Academy Charter School has requested a first amendment to change the school's location from 6001 NW Eight Avenue, Miami, Florida 33127 to 2990 NW 79 Street, Miami, Florida 33147, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2011, and concludes in the 2010-2011 school year.

The School did not 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. 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 reviewed the proposed contractual amendment on June 27, 2007, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter contractual agreement with The EXcel Academy, Inc., on behalf of EXcel Academy Charter School.

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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 The EXcel Academy, Inc., on behalf of EXcel Academy Charter School, to change the school's location to 2990 NW 79 Street, Miami, Florida 33147, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2011, and concludes in the 2010-2011 school year.

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