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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI SHORES

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 Miami Shores Charter Middle/Senior High School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on January 14, 2004, for a term of 15 years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)12, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. A first amendment was approved on May 18, 2005, to integrate the then existing Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School and convert to a charter in-a-municipality, and change the school name to Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores. A second amendment was approved on January 18, 2006, to increase the enrollment capacity. A third amendment was approved on July 12, 2006, to allow the school to adopt its own Code of Student Conduct to be used in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct.

Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores requested a fourth amendment to amend its Code of Conduct, Parent/Student Handbook and Parent Contract, all of which are appendices to the contractual agreement and require approval by the Sponsor. Major revisions included in this amendment are clarifications of the eligibility requirements for admission and volunteer requirements. This amendment would be effective immediately and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2020, and concludes in the 2019-2020 school year.

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Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores is located at 11301 NW Fifth Avenue, Miami Shores, Florida 33168, and serves approximately 517 students in grades six through twelve. In the 2006-2007 school year, the school received a grade of "A" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education and its most recent financial audit revealed no audit findings.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) reviewed the proposed contractual amendment on November 16, 2007, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the fourth amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Miami Shores Village Charter School Authority, on behalf of Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores.

Copies of the charter school contractual agreement, including the aforementioned appendices, 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 fourth amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Miami Shores Village Charter School Authority on behalf of Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores to amend its Code of Conduct, Parent/Student Handbook and Parent Contract commencing immediately and throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2020, and concludes in the 2019-2020 school year.

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