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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SANDOR WIENER SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY, INC., ON BEHALF OF SANDOR WIENER SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY**

**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 Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, Inc., on behalf of Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 13, 2002, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year, and expiring on June 30, 2007. On March 14, 2007, Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity was approved to renew the contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2007-2008, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year. Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity serves approximately 20 students in grades pre-kindergarten through five.

Sandor Weiner School of Opportunity has requested a first amendment to increase the grade level from pre-kindergarten to five, to pre-kindergarten to eight, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year, and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

The charter school is not eligible to receive a grade under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability as this school specifically serves special needs students. Its most recent financial audit revealed significant audit findings; however, it has presented a recovery plan which was supported by the Audit Committee at its December 13, 2007 meeting.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee reviewed the proposed contractual amendment on January 9, 2008, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, Inc., on behalf of Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity.

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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 Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, Inc., on behalf of Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity to increase the grade level from pre-kindergarten to five, to pre-kindergarten to eight, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year, and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

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