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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ARCHIMEDEAN ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF ARCHIMEDEAN UPPER CONSERVATORY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement, between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

On December 19, 2007, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Archimedean Upper Conservatory (Archimedean) and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten years.

Archimedean will be located at 12425 Southwest 72 Street, Miami, Florida, 33183 and will serve a maximum of 320 students in grades nine through twelve. However, in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year, Archimedean will serve a maximum of 80 grade nine students. The term of contract shall be for ten years, ending on June 30, 2018.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Dr. George Kafkoulis, Associate Professor of Florida International University; Mr. Aleco Haralambides, Attorney; Dr. Christodoulos Christodoulou, Staff Mechanical Engineer, Beckman Coulter Corporation; Mr. A. Platon Alexandrakis, Attorney, Assurant Solutions; and Dr. Kyriakos Pefkaros, Former Assistant Professor/Head of the Coronary Unit, Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Section 7 of School Board Rule 6Gx13-6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), stipulates that charter school contractual agreements that do not deviate from the approved Standard Charter School Contract do not require review and recommendation by the Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) and can be forwarded directly to the School Board for consideration.

Copies of 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, approve the charter school contractual agreement with Archimedean Academy, Inc., on behalf of Archimedean Upper Conservatory for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.

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