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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MOUNT HERMON COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION, ON BEHALF OF RICHARD ALLEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

**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 Richard Allen Leadership Academy (Richard Allen) and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years.

Richard Allen will be located at 17800 NW 25 Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, 33056 and will serve a maximum of 250 male students in kindergarten through grade five. However, in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year, Richard Allen will serve a maximum of 134 students. The term of the contract shall be for five years, ending on June 30, 2013.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Mr. Leon Bland, Co-Owner, Royal Funeral Services; Mrs. Frances Young, Adjunct Professor, Miami Dade College; and Rev. Dr. Carlton Waterhouse, Assistant Professor of Law, Florida International University.

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.

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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 Mount Hermon Community Educational Corporation, on behalf of Richard Allen Leadership Academy for a term of five years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and ending on June 30, 2013.

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