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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH EDUCATIONAL 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 September 5, 2007, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved a charter school application submitted for The City of Hialeah Educational Academy and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years.

The City of Hialeah Educational Academy will be sited within Bucky Dent Park, 7590 West 24 Avenue, Hialeah, Florida, 33016, and will serve a maximum of 800 students in grades nine through twelve. However, in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year, The City of Hialeah Educational Academy will serve a maximum of 100 students. The term of contract shall be for five years, ending on June 30, 2013.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members of the City of Hialeah City Council: Mayor Julio Robaina; Mr. Esteban Bovo, Council President; Mr. Carlos Hernandez, Council Vice President; Mr. Jose F. Caragol, Council Member; Ms. Vivian Casals-Muñoz, Council Member; Mr. Luis E. Gonzalez, Council Member; Ms. Isis Garcia-Martinez, Council Member; and Mr. Jose Yedra, Council Member.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on March 24, 2008, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with The City of Hialeah, Florida, on behalf of The City of Hialeah Educational Academy.

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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:

1. amend the name of the charter school from The City of Hialeah Charter School to The City of Hialeah Educational Academy;
and
2. approve the charter school contractual agreement with The City of Hialeah, Florida, on behalf of The City of Hialeah Educational Academy as a charter school-in-a-municipality, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and ending on June 30, 2013.

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