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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF
THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH
CORAL REEF MONTESSORI ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.,
ON BEHALF OF CORAL REEF MONTESSORI ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS**

Section 1002.33(7)17(b)(1), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, stipulates that a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed provided that a program review demonstrates that the school has met the criteria in its charter contract and that the grounds for non-renewal have not been documented.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School (Coral Reef Montessori), was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on May 12, 1998, for a term of three years, commencing with the 1998-1999 school year. Subsequent actions were granted by The School Board to extend the initial charter school contractual agreement from three (3) years to 10 years, commencing the with 2001-2002 school year ending June 30, 2008; increase enrollment capacity; increase grade levels; relocate the school; and convert employment status from private to public. Coral Reef Montessori is located at 10853 SW 216 Street, Cutler Bay, Florida, 33170 and serves approximately 335 students in kindergarten through grade eight.

Coral Reef Montessori is eligible to be graded under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. Its academic performance is as follows:

School Year	School Grade	AYP
2002-2003	A	Met
2003-2004	C	Not met
2004-2005	C	Not met
2005-2006	A	Provisional
2006-2007	B	Not met

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Coral Reef Montessori's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 show the school to be in a very strong financial position, and the external auditor found no inaccuracies, irregularities and/or violations of laws, regulations or contractual provisions.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on February 6, 2008, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation to approve the renewal application with Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School.

On April 9, 2008, the CRC met, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation to renew the charter school contractual agreement with Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School for a term of five years commencing in the 2008-2009 school year and ending June 30, 2013.

Copies of the renewal contract 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 renewal contract with Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, for a term of five years, commencing in the 2008-2009 school year and ending June 30, 2013.

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