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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**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 of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved a charter school application submitted for Mater Academy High School of International Studies (Mater High School International) and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten years.

Mater High School International will be located at 998 SW First Street, Miami, Florida, 33130, and will serve a maximum of 500 students in grades nine through twelve, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year. The term of the contract shall be for ten years, ending on June 30, 2018.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Mr. Antonio L. Roca, Attorney, Roca Gonzalez, PA; Mr. Roberto C. Blanch, Attorney, Law Firm of Siegfried, Rivera, Lerner, De La Torre & Sobel, PA; Mr. Juan A. Garcia, Senior Accountant Manager, Hotwire Communications; and Ms. Shannine Sadesky, Principal, Somerset Academy Elementary School (Miramar). This Governing Board currently operates eleven charter schools in Miami-Dade County.

On May 22, 2008, the Contract Review Committee (CRC) met, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy High School of International Studies.

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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 Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy High School of International Studies for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.

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