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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH PINECREST ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF PINECREST PREPARATORY ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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 February 14, 2007, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved a charter school application submitted for Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year. However, pursuant to Section 8(a) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School requested to extend contract negotiations and defer the opening of school until the 2008-2009 school year.

Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School will be temporarily located at 11100 NW 27 Street, Doral, Florida, 33172, and will serve a maximum of 1,000 students in grades nine through twelve. However, in its first year of operation, Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School will serve a maximum of 500 students in grades nine and ten. 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: Ms. Erin Laura Demirjian, Therapist, Alternate Family Care; Ms. Judith Cynthia Marty, Principal, Mater Academy High School; Ms. Isabel Ortiz-Rodriguez, General Manager, Credit Card Consultants; Ms. Shannine Sadesky, Principal, Somerset Academy Elementary School, Miramar, Florida. This Governing Board currently operates two charter schools in Miami-Dade County.

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Section 7(b) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), stipulates that charter school contractual agreements that fully conform to the approved Standard Charter School Contract do not require review and recommendation by the Charter School Contract Review Committee 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 Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.

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