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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER GARDENS ACADEMY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, stipulates that a charter school contractual agreement may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Gardens Academy was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on June 14, 2006, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year.

Mater Gardens Academy is currently located at 9010 NW 178 Lane, Hialeah, Florida, 33018, and serves approximately 347 students in kindergarten through grade five. Mater Gardens Academy has requested a first amendment to add a second campus located at 17300 NW 87 Avenue, Hialeah, Florida, 33015, during the 2008-2009 school year and throughout the term of the contract ending on June 30, 2016. If approved, Mater Gardens Academy will operate from the two campuses throughout the term of the contract.

Mater Gardens Academy is eligible to be graded under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. For the 2006-2007 school year, Mater Gardens Academy met adequately yearly progress (AYP) and received a school grade of "B". Mater Gardens Academy's audited financial statements revealed no inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, fraud and/or violations of laws, rules, regulations and contractual provisions.

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

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Copies of the amendment to 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 first amendment to the contract with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Gardens Academy to add a second campus at 17300 NW 87 Avenue, Hialeah, Florida, 33015, during the 2008-2009 school year and ending on June 30, 2016.

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