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School Operations

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

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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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 The Excel Academy, Inc., on behalf of EXcel Academy Charter School, North (EXcel, North) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on July 12, 2006, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year. Pursuant to Section 8(a) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), EXcel, North deferred the opening of the school until the 2008-2009 school year.

EXcel, North has requested a first amendment to change to the school's location from 3600 NW 199 Street, Miami Gardens, Florida 33056 to 780 Fisherman Street, Opa-Locka, Florida 33054 commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and throughout the term of the contract ending on June 30, 2012. EXcel, North will serve a maximum of 700 students in kindergarten through grade five, with a maximum of 300 students in kindergarten through grade three in its first year of operation.

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 (CRC) and can be forwarded directly to the School Board for consideration.

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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 The Excel Academy, Inc., on behalf of EXcel Academy Charter School, North, to change the school's location to 780 Fisherman Street, Opa-Locka, Florida 33054, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and throughout the term of the contract and ending on June 30, 2012.

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