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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH RIVER CITIES COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF RIVER CITIES COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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 River Cities Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of River Cities Community Charter School (River Cities) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on July 12, 2006, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year. A subsequent action was granted by The School Board to allow the school to add an additional campus. Pursuant to Section 8(a) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), River Cities deferred the opening of the school until the 2008-2009 school year.

Originally, River Cities proposed to operate at 301 and 378 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida 33166. However, due to unforeseen difficulties and construction delays with the properties, the charter school has requested a second amendment to the contractual agreement to: (1) delete the campus proposed for 301 Westward Drive; (2) replace it with a campus located at 6300 NW 77 Court, Miami, Florida 33166; and (3) temporarily operate the school on the campus of Charter on the Beach Middle School, 1211-1219 Marseille Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33141, for a period of time not to exceed November 30, 2008. This amendment would commence with the 2008-2009 school year. River Cities proposes to serve a maximum of 250 students in grades six through eight in its first year of operation.

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The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on July 8, 2008, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with River Cities Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of River Cities Community Charter School.

Copies of the amendment to the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to 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 second amendment to the contract with River Cities Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of River Cities Community Charter School to (1) delete the campus proposed for 301 Westward Drive; (2) replace it with a campus located at 6300 NW 77 Court, Miami, Florida 33166; and (3) temporarily operate the school on the campus of Charter on the Beach Middle School, 1211-1219 Marseille Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33141, for a period of time not to exceed November 30, 2008, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year.

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