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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH TREE OF KNOWLEDGE LEARNING ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF TREE OF KNOWLEDGE LEARNING 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 Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy, Inc., on behalf of Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy (TOKLA) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on April 16, 2008, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year.

TOKLA proposed to open at 2600 NE 209 Street, North Miami Beach, Florida 33180; however, the charter school has requested a first amendment to the contractual agreement to add three additional campuses. TOKLA will utilize classrooms at the Holtz Children's Hospital and Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital, both located at 1611 NW 12 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136, and also at the Ronald McDonald House of Miami, located at 1145 NW 14 Terrace, Miami, Florida 33136, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year. TOKLA will provide home/hospital-based and center-based education to a maximum of 1,000 highly at-risk and special education students in kindergarten through grade twelve, in various locations across the county. However, in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2008-2009 TOKLA will serve a maximum of 300 students.

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.

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 Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy, Inc., on behalf of Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy to add three additional campuses located at the Holtz Children's Hospital and Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital, both located at 1611 NW 12 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136, and at the Ronald McDonald House of Miami, located at 1145 NW 14 Terrace, Miami, Florida 33136, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year until the permanent facility is available.

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