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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH RISE SCHOOLS, INC., ON BEHALF OF RISE
ACADEMY – SOUTH DADE 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 Rise Schools, Inc., on behalf of Rise Academy – South Dade Charter School (Rise Academy) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on April 16, 2008, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year.

Rise Academy proposed to open at 103 East Lucy Street, Florida City, Florida 33034; however, until this permanent facility is available, the charter school has requested a first amendment to the contractual agreement to permanently be located at 303 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034 and 713 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034. Rise Academy will serve a maximum of 900 students in kindergarten through grade eight, with a maximum of 400 students in kindergarten through grades first and six in its first year of operation.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on July 28, 2008, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Rise Schools, Inc., on behalf of Rise Academy – South Dade Charter School.

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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 Rise Schools, Inc., on behalf of Rise Academy – South Dade Charter School to permanently be located at 303 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034 and 713 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034., commencing with the 2008-2009 school year.

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