Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent
School Operations

SUBJECT: **REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD DENIAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR ANDERSON EDUCATIONAL CONSULTATION, ANDERSON ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, INC., ON BEHALF OF ANDERSON ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE**

COMMITTEE: **INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: **GENERAL OPERATIONS**

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community.

Anderson Academy of Mathematics and Science (Anderson Academy) proposed to serve a maximum of 400 students in grades five through eight, specializing in a mathematics and science curriculum, with a maximum of 200 students in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which would end on June 30, 2013.

Following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Dr. DaJuane Anderson, CEO, Anderson Education Consultation, Anderson Academy of Mathematics and Science, Inc.; and Dr. Tamara Anderson, Co-Owner and Consultant of Drs. Anderson LLC.

On September 9, 2008, M-DCPS' Charter School Technical Assistance Team (TAT) reviewed the application for Anderson Academy and identified a number of concerns. On October 23, 2008 the applicant was provided an opportunity to revise the application to address the deficiencies. On October 27, 2008, the revised application was again reviewed by the members of the TAT who determined that the deficiencies in the following areas of the application still existed: (1) curriculum plan; (2) student performance, assessment, and evaluation; (3) exceptional students; (4) governance; (5) management; (6) facilities; (7) transportation; (8) budget; and (4) financial management and oversight.

On October 30, 2008, M-DCPS' Charter School District Review Committee (DRC) convened to review the revised application for Anderson Academy. Representatives of the charter school attended the meeting but did not satisfactorily address the TAT's concerns. By a unanimous vote, the DRC made a recommendation to the Superintendent of Schools for denial of the application.

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Pursuant to s. 1002.33(6)(a) , F.S., Anderson Academy of Mathematics and Science application failed to meet the following requirements:

- Provide a detailed curriculum plan that illustrates how students will be provided services to attain the Sunshine State Standards.
- Provide goals and objectives for improving student learning and measuring that improvement. These goals and objectives must indicate how much academic improvement students are expected to show each year, how success will be evaluated, and the specific results to be attained through instruction.
- Describe a reading curriculum and differentiated strategies that will be used for students reading at grade level or higher and a separate curriculum and strategies for students who are reading below grade level as well as effective teaching strategies that are grounded in scientifically based reading research.
- An annual financial plan for each year requested by the charter for operation of the school for up to 5 years. This plan must contain anticipated fund balances based on revenue projections, a spending plan based on projected revenues and expenses, and a description of controls that will safeguard finances and projected enrollment trends.

Copies of the application 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 deny the charter school application submitted by Anderson Educational Consultation, Anderson Academy of Mathematics and Science, Inc., on behalf of Anderson Academy of Mathematics and Science.

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