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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL FOR RIVER CITIES  
COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL TO RECEIVE AN EXTENSION  
TO REMAIN AT THEIR TEMPORARY LOCATION**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

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 (School Board), on July 12, 2006, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and ending June 30, 2017. Pursuant to Section 8(a) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12) (2006), River Cities deferred the opening of the school until the 2008-2009 school year. River Cities is in its first year of operation. Subsequent actions were granted by the School Board to amend the school's permanent locations, and to temporarily operate the school on the campus of another charter school. The charter school is currently serving approximately 26 students in grade six.

River Cities is currently experiencing delays completing the facility approval process and has requested an extension to remain at their temporary facility, located on the campus of Charter on the Beach Middle School, 1211-1219 Marseille Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33141. This temporary arrangement will be in place until their permanent facility is approved for occupancy, but not to exceed the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year. Pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12)(2008), should the permanent location fail to be secured within the time period specified, a request to change the permanent location is required and will be brought to the School Board for consideration as an amendment to the school's contractual agreements.

Following is the Governing Board for the charter school: Ms. Doretta Crooks, Chair; Ms. Lisette Piedra, Member; Ms. Giovanna Pascarella, Member; and Ms. Alexandra Mirabal, Member.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida grant approval of River Cities Community Charter School to remain at their temporary facility located at 1211-1219 Marseille Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33141 until their permanent facility is ready for occupancy, but not to exceed the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year.

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