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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR MIAMI PINNACLE ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MIAMI PINNACLE ACADEMY, AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS**

**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.

On October 23, 2008, M-DCPS' Charter School District Review Committee met to review the application for Miami Pinnacle Academy and, by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the application to the Superintendent of Schools.

The charter school proposes to serve a maximum of 350 students in kindergarten through grade five through an academic program focusing on mathematics, science and reading, with a maximum of 250 students in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2014, and concludes in the 2013-2014 school year.

Following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Mr. Diego Perez, Private Businessman; Ms. Jennifer Brito, Active Volunteer, United Way Campaign; Ms. Tanisha Valcarcel Ortiz, Teacher, Excelsior Charter of Broward.

The charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

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:

1. approve the application for Miami Pinnacle Academy, Inc., on behalf of Miami Pinnacle Academy; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2014, and concludes in the 2013-2014 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.

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