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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING - MIAMI CAMPUS, INC., ON BEHALF OF FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING - MIAMI CAMPUS, 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 17, 2008, M-DCPS' Charter School District Review Committee met to review the application for Florida High School for Accelerated Learning - Miami Campus 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 400 at-risk students in grades nine through twelve, 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: Dr. Cathia N. Darling, Retiree, Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Mr. William J. Delgado, President, The Builder's Consultant Group; Ms. Lilia Garcia, Consultant; Mr. Vilmore Shirley, Computer Specialist and Test Administrator, Robert Morgan Educational Center; and Ms. Fanny Mariño, President, American Advanced Technicians Institute, Corp.

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 Florida High School for Accelerated Learning - Miami Campus, Inc., on behalf of Florida High School for Accelerated Learning - Miami Campus; 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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