Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent District/School Operations

SUBJECT:

REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR NEW ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MAVERICKS HIGH OF NORTH MIAMI DADE COUNTY

COMMITTEE:

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN:

GENERAL OPERATIONS

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement, between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

On November 18, 2008, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board) approved a charter school application submitted for Mavericks High, D. Wade's School of North Miami-Dade County and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year. Furthermore, subsequent to approval, the school requested to change its name to Mavericks High of North Miami Dade County (Mavericks North).

Mavericks North will be located at 16150 NE 17 Avenue, North Miami Beach, Florida 33162 and will serve a maximum of 550 at-risk students in grades nine through twelve, with a maximum of 400 students in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year. The term of the contract shall be for five years, ending June 30, 2014.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Ms. Lisa A. Landy, Attorney and Shareholder, Akerman; Ms. Gilda Baldwin, Chief Executive Officer, Westchester General Hospital, Inc.; Dr. Antoinette L. Lynch, Assistant Professor, Florida International University, School of Accounting; Mr. Imran Ali, Children's Advocate, Miami-Dade County; and Dr. Deanne Butchey, Academic Director, Florida International University.

Section 7(b) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), stipulates that charter school contractual agreements that fully conform to the approved Standard Charter School Contract do not require review and recommendation by the Charter School Contract Review Committee and can be forwarded directly to the School Board for consideration.

Copies of the 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 charter school contractual agreement with New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade County, Inc., on behalf of Mavericks High of North Miami Dade County for a term of five years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2014.

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