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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC., ON BEHALF OF ASPIRA SOUTH YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, stipulates that a charter school contractual agreement may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., on behalf of ASPIRA South Youth Leadership Charter School (ASPIRA South) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board), on May 17, 2000, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2000-2001 school year. Subsequent action was granted by the School Board, on March 16, 2005, to renew the charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years and increase enrollment capacity, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and ending on June 30, 2010.

ASPIRA South is currently located at 14112-14114 SW 288 Street, Miami, Florida 33033 and serves approximately 207 students in grades six through eight. ASPIRA South has requested a first amendment to its contract to add a campus located at 13330 SW 288 Street, Miami, Florida 33033. Pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Code, Part III, Chapter 33, Article XI - Public Charter School Facilities, School Board approval of this contractual amendment is a prerequisite for the charter school to make an application to the Miami-Dade County Planning and Zoning Department (County) to obtain appropriate facility approvals. The proposed site would not be operational until successful completion of the County's process and receipt of all appropriate permits and approvals, pursuant to Section 1002.33(18), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. The duration of this amendment will be consistent with the remaining term of the contract ending on June 30, 2010. In the interim, the charter school will continue operation from its existing campus.

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ASPIRA South is eligible to be graded under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. Its academic performance is as follows:

School Year	School Grade	AYP
2002-2003	D	Not Met
2003-2004	C	Not Met
2004-2005	C	Not Met
2005-2006	B	Met
2006-2007	A	Met
2007-2008	B	Met

ASPIRA South's financial audit revealed no inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, fraud and/or violations of laws, rules, regulations and contractual provisions. Additionally, the school has not met any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes related to Financial Emergency.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 25, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., on behalf of ASPIRA South Youth Leadership Charter School.

Copies of the amendment to 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 first amendment to the contract with ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., on behalf of ASPIRA South Youth Leadership Charter School to add a campus located at 13330 SW 288 Street, Miami, Florida 33033, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year, and ending on June 30, 2010.

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