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

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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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 Youth Leadership Charter School (ASPIRA Youth) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board), during the 1999-2000 school year, for a term of three years. Subsequent action was granted by the School Board, on May 15, 2002, to renew the charter school contractual agreement for a term of fifteen years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year, and ending on June 30, 2010.

ASPIRA Youth is currently located at 13300 Memorial Highway, North Miami, Florida 33161 and serves approximately 450 students in grades six through nine. ASPIRA Youth has requested a first amendment to its contract to increase the student enrollment from 450 students to a maximum of 600 students.

ASPIRA Youth 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	C	Not Met
2003-2004	C	Not Met
2004-2005	C	Not Met
2005-2006	A	Met
2006-2007	B	Not Met
2007-2008	C	Not Met

ASPIRA Youth'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 (CRC) 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 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 Youth Leadership Charter School to increase the student enrollment from 450 students to 600 students, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year, and ending on June 30, 2010.

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