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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**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 Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Middle School of International Studies (Mater Middle International) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 18, 2008, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year, and ending June 30, 2018.

Mater Middle International is currently operating from its temporary facility located at 998 SW First Street, Miami, Florida 33130, and serves approximately 16 students in grades seven through eight. Mater Middle International has requested a first amendment to its contract to add a permanent facility located at 795 NW 32 Street (also referred to as 3221 NW Eighth Avenue), Miami, Florida 33127.

The charter school is in its first year of operation; therefore, it has not yet received a grade under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability and has not yet been audited. The charter school is scheduled for its first audit after the conclusion of this school year. The charter school is required to submit audited financial statements by September 1, 2009.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 17, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Middle School of International Studies.

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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 Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Middle School of International Studies to add a permanent facility located at 795 NW 32 Street (also referred to as 3221 NW Eighth Avenue), Miami, Florida 33127, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.

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