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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF MIAMI COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Section 1002.33(7)17(b)(1), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, stipulates that a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed provided that a program review demonstrates that the school has met the criteria in its charter contract and that the grounds for non-renewal have not been documented.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Miami Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Miami Community Charter School (Miami Community), was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board), on February 11, 2004, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year, and expiring on June 30, 2009. Subsequent actions were granted by the School Board to amend the location and grade levels.

Miami Community is located at 101 SW Redland Road, Florida City, Florida 33034, and serves approximately 320 students in kindergarten through grade five. Due to concerns over the school's low academic performance as well as its designation as a Prevent II charter school under the Florida Differentiated Accountability Plan (DA Plan), the requested renewal of the contractual agreement will be limited to a term of one year commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and concluding on June 30, 2010.

Miami Community has undergone various site visits, instructional reviews and professional development, as required under the DA Plan review, and has made progress in implementing the prescribed interventions and additional requirements of the DA Plan.

Miami Community is eligible to be graded under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. Its academic performance for the term of its charter contract is as follows:

**C-45**

School Year	School Grade	AYP
2004-2005	N/A	N/A
2005-2006	C	Not Met
2006-2007	C	Not Met
2007-2008	F	Not Met

Miami Community's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, show the school to be in a very strong financial position, and the external auditor found no inaccuracies, irregularities and/or violations of laws, regulations or 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 renewal of the charter school contractual agreement with Miami Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Miami Community Charter School.

Copies of the renewal 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 renewal contract with Miami Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Miami Community Charter School, for a term of one year, commencing in 2009-2010 school year, and ending on June 30, 2010.

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