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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH RIVER CITIES COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF RIVER CITIES COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statute, 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 River Cities Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of River Cities Community Charter School (River Cities), was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on July 12, 2006, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year. Pursuant to Section 8(a) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), River Cities deferred the opening of school until the 2008-2009 school year. Subsequent actions were granted by The School Board to allow the school to add an additional campus, delete a campus and replace it with another campus, and temporarily operate the school on the campus of another charter school.

River Cities is currently serving approximately 52 students in grades six through eight. Due to unforeseen difficulties and permits delays with the properties, the charter school has requested a third amendment to the contractual agreement to temporarily relocate to a facility located at 3405 N.W. 27 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33142, which is approximately four miles from the existing location. This temporary arrangement will be in place until a permanent facility is approved for occupancy, but not to exceed the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year. Pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), should the permanent location fail to be secured within the time period specified, a request to change the permanent location is required and will be brought to the School Board for consideration as an amendment to the school's contractual agreement.

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The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on October 27, 2009, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for denial of the third amendment to the charter school contractual agreement. The primary reason for denial was lack of proper documentation to support legal occupation of the proposed facility. Subsequent to the initial decision by CRC, proper documentation was submitted for re-evaluation. Therefore, a second review was conducted by CRC on December 4, 2009, and by a majority vote, a recommendation was ultimately made to approve the third amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with River Cities Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of River Cities Community Charter School.

Copies of the application 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 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve the third amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with River Cities Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of River Cities Community Charter School to temporarily relocate to a facility located at 3405 N.W. 27 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33147, effective immediately, until a permanent facility is ready for occupancy, but not to exceed the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year.

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