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District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF 14 CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR TERMS OF FIVE AND/OR TEN YEARS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community.

Pursuant to School Board Rule, the M-DCPS' Charter School District Review Committee (DRC) met to review the 14 charter school applications delineated below and made a recommendation for approval to the Superintendent of Schools. Included in the following chart is information regarding the following: (1) the name of the school; (2) DRC date and vote; (3) proposed term of the charter, initial year and expiration; (4) grade levels and enrollment during the initial year and at capacity; (5) focus or theme of the academic program, if applicable; (6) proposed management company, if applicable; and (7) founding or existing governing board members.

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Name of School	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Mgmt. Co.	Founding/Gov. Board Members
		Initial Yr/Max				
Advantage Academy of Doral <i>December 10, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	10 years 2010-2020	K-8/K-8	706/998	None	Charter School Associates, Inc.	Governing Board Members: Mr. Nathaniel Grash, Chairman; Helena del Monte, Member; and Mr. Bassema Iskandarani, Member. This is the same governing board for the following charter schools currently in existence: Summerville Advantage Academy and The Charter School at Waterstone.
Advantage Academy of Math and Science <i>December 10, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	10 years 2010-2020	K-8/K-8	706/998	Math and Science		
Advantage Academy of Palmetto Bay <i>December 10, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2010-2015	K-5/K-5	652/652	None		

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Advantage Academy Santa Fe <i>December 10, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2010-2015	K-5/K-5	652/652	None	Charter School Associates, Inc.	Governing Board Members: Mr. Nathaniel Grash, Chairman; Helena del Monte, Member; and Mr. Bassema Iskandarani, Member. This is the same governing board for the following charter schools currently in existence: Summerville Advantage Academy and The Charter School at Waterstone.
Advantage Academy South <i>December 10, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	10 years 2011-2021	K-8/K-8	706/998	None		
Advantage Academy South High School <i>January 11, 2010, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2011-2016	9-11/ 9-12	1,050/ 1,400	None		
Doral Academy of Technology <i>December 15, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	10 years 2010-2020	K-8/K-8	900/900	None	Academica Dade, LLC	Governing Board Members: Mr. Victor Manuel Barroso, Chair; Mr. Manny Cid, Member; and Mr. Luis M. Fusté, Member. This is the same governing board for the following charter schools currently in existence: Doral Academy, Doral Academy Charter Middle School, Doral Academy High School, and Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy.
Florida International Elementary School <i>December 15, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2010-2015	K-5/K-5	348/464	None	Rader Group, Inc.	Governing Board Members: Dr. Anthony James Hall, Chair; Ms. Jacqueline A. Silva, Member; Mr. Russell Leon Andrews, Member; Mr. Donnie Lee Alexander, Member; and Mr. Peter Roderick Laviniere, Member. This is the same governing board for the following charter school currently in existence: Florida International Academy.

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Mater Grove Academy <i>December 15, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2010-2015	K-8/K-8	900/900	None	Academica Dade, LLC	Governing Board Members: Mr. Antonio Roca, Chair; Ms. Shannine Sadesky, Member; Mr. Juan Garcia, Member; Mr. Roberto Blanch, Member; and Ms. Elizabeth Nuevo, Member. This is the same governing board for the following charter schools currently in existence: Mater Academy, Mater Academy East Charter School, Mater Academy of International Studies, Mater Gardens Academy, Mater Academy Charter Middle School, Mater Academy Lakes Middle School, Mater Academy Middle School of International Studies, Mater Gardens Academy Middle School, Mater East Academy Middle School, Mater Academy Charter High School, Mater Academy East Charter High School, Mater Academy High School of International Studies, Mater Academy Lakes High School, and Mater Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy.
Mater Preparatory Academy Charter School <i>December 15, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2010-2015	K-8/K-8	900/900	None		
Mater Village Academy <i>December 15, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2010-2015	K-8/K-8	900/900	None		
Pinecrest Academy Springs <i>December 15, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2010-2015	K-5/K-5	750/750	None	Academica Dade, LLC	Governing Board Members: Ms. Judith C. Marty, <i>Chair</i> ; Ms. Shannine Sadesky, <i>Vice-Chair</i> ; Ms. Isabel Rodriguez, <i>Member</i> ; Dr. Erin Demirjian, <i>Member</i> ; and Mr. Daniel D. Diaz, <i>Member</i> . This is the same governing board for the following charter schools currently in existence: Pinecrest Academy (South Campus), Pinecrest Preparatory Academy, Pinecrest Academy Charter Middle School, and Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School.
Pinecrest Academy Springs Middle Charter School <i>December 15, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2010-2015	6-8/6-8	750/750			
Pinecrest Cove Academy <i>December 15, 2009, DRC unanimously voted to recommend approval.</i>	5 years 2010-2015	K-8/K-8	900/900			

Pursuant to s. 1002.33(6)(i), Florida Statute, the terms and conditions for the operation of charter school shall be set forth by M-DCPS in the charter school contractual

agreement, called a charter. Upon approval of the charter school application, each charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

Copies of the applications 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 applications for:

1. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Advantage Academy of Doral, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2020, and concludes in the 2019-2020 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
2. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Advantage Academy of Math and Science, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2020, and concludes in the 2019-2020 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
3. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Advantage Academy of Palmetto Bay, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
4. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Advantage Academy Santa Fe, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term

of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;

5. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Advantage Academy South, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2011-2012 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2021, and concludes in the 2020-2021 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
6. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Advantage South High School, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2011-2012 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2016, and concludes in the 2015-2016 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
7. The Doral Academy, Inc., on behalf of Doral Academy of Technology, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2020, and concludes in the 2019-2020 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
8. Florida International Academy, Inc., on behalf of Florida International Elementary School, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
9. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Grove Academy, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which

reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;

10. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Preparatory Academy Charter School, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
11. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Village Academy, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
12. Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Academy Springs, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
13. Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Academy Springs Middle Charter School, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board; and
14. Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Cove Academy, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.

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