

Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent  
District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF 9 CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

**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 Application Review Committee (ARC) met to review the 9 charter school applications below and recommended approval to the Superintendent.

Charter School Applications							
(1)(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		(6)	(7)	(8)
Name of School	Legal Entity	Initial Year	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/Theme	Founding/ Governing Board Members	Initial Year Loss
	Educational Service Provider (ESP)		Initial	Current Year			Revenue (\$) & Teacher Positions
			Maximum				
(1) Advantage Academy of Miami  <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 25, 2010.</i>	Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.	2012/ 2013	K-8	664	Math & Science	Founding Board Members: Mr. Nathaniel Grasch, Chairman; Helena del Monte, Member; and Mr. Bassema Iskandarani, Member. This is the same governing board for the following charter schools currently operating: Summerville Advantage Academy and The Charter School at Waterstone.	\$3,262,036 (22 Positions)
	Charter School Associates, Inc.		K-8	910			

*Legend: (1) Name of the charter school; (2) ARC/CRC date and vote, if applicable; (3) legal entity and Educational Service Provider (ESP); (4) initial school year; (5) grade levels and enrollment, initial/current year and at maximum capacity; (6) focus/theme; (7) founding/governing board members; and, (8) Potential Loss of Revenue and loss in Teacher Positions resulting from reduction in FTE based on average class size requirements.*

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	Educational Service Provider (ESP)		Initial Year	Maximum			Revenue (\$) & Teacher Positions
<b>(2) Bridgepoint Academy West</b>  <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on November 5, 2010.</i>	Bridgepoint Academy, Inc.	2011/2012	K-8	348	Extended Spanish Language Program	Founding Board Members: Ms. Grace Zaldivar, Private Officer, Banco Santander; Dr. Lidia M. Steel, Drug Agent, Florida Department of Health; Mr. Armando De La Vega, Accountant, De La Vega & Morgade CPA; and, Mr. Richard Padron, Director of Account Services, PIL Creative Group. This is the same governing board for the following charter school currently operating: Bridgepoint Academy.	\$1,669,652 (12 Positions)
	S.M.A.R.T. Management, LLC		K-8	550			
<b>(3) City of Hialeah Construction, Architecture, and Design Academy</b>  <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 19, 2010.</i>	City of Hialeah, Florida	2011/2012	9-10	200	Academy	Founding Board Members: Julio Robaina, City of Hialeah Mayor; Carlos Hernández, Council Vice President; José F. Caragol, Council Member; Vivian Casals-Muñoz, Council Member; Luis E. González, Council Member; José Yedra, Council Member; Isis Garcia-Martinez, Council Member; and Katharine Cue, Council Member. This is the same governing board for the following charter school currently operating: City of Hialeah Educ. Academy.	\$957,446 (6 Positions)
	N/A		9-12	400			
<b>(4) Everglades Charter High School</b>  <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 25, 2010.</i>	Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.	2011/2012	9-11	450	College Preparatory	Founding 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 operating: Summerville Advantage Academy and The Charter School at Waterstone.	\$2,187,008 (14 Positions)
	Charter School Associates, Inc.		9-12	900			

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	Educational Service Provider (ESP)		Initial Year				Revenue (\$) & Teacher Positions
			Maximum				
<b>(5) Florida High School for Accelerated Learning Miami Campus</b>  <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 25, 2010.</i>	Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – Miami, Inc.	2011/2012	9-12	500	At-risk	Founding Board Members: Thomas Douglas, Pastor, Holy Temple Holiness Church; Elisa Robles, Vice-President Branch Manager, Citibank; Fanny Mariño, Vice-President, AATI; Maria C. Regueiro, President, Florida National College; and Lilia P. Garcia, President, Lilia Garcia & Associates.	\$2,435,609 (15 Positions)
	Accelerated Learning Solutions, Inc.		9-12	500			
<b>(6) Miami-Dade Science Schools</b>  <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 19, 2010.</i>	Sweetwater Education, Inc.	2012/2013	K-8	900	Science	Founding Board Members: Dr. Ali Erbay, Director of Safety Products, RTP Corporation; Dr. Banu Sizirici Yildiz, Post-doc, Florida International University; Mr. Mehmet Yasar Ulutas, Senior Project Engineer, T. Y. Lin International; Dr. Nezhil Pala, Assistant Professor, Florida International University Electrical & Computer Engineering Department; Dr. Omer Zeyrek, CEO, Yapi Group; Dr. Yalcin Akin, Principal, Orlando Science Schools, Orlando, Florida; and Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, Principal, River City Science Academy, Jacksonville, Florida.	\$4,451,285 (30 Positions)
	N/A		K-8	900			
<b>(7) North Gardens High School</b>  <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 25, 2010.</i>	Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – Greater Miami, Inc.	2011-2012	9-12	500	At-risk	Founding Board Members: Thomas Douglas, Pastor, Holy Temple Holiness Church; Elisa Robles, Vice-President Branch Manager, Citibank; Fanny Mariño, Vice-President, AATI; Maria C. Reguriro, President, Florida National College; and Lilia P. Garcia, President, Lilia Garcia & Associates.	\$2,435,609 (15 Positions)
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<b>(8) South Cutler High School</b>  <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 25, 2010.</i>	Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – Greater Miami, Inc.	2011/ 2012	9-12	500	At-risk	Founding Board Members: Thomas Douglas, Pastor, Holy Temple Holiness Church; Elisa Robles, Vice-President Branch Manager, Citibank; Fanny Mariño, Vice-President, AATI; Maria C. Reguriro, President, Florida National College; and Lilia P. Garcia, President, Lilia Garcia & Associates.	\$2,435,609 (15 Positions)
	Accelerated Learning Solutions, Inc.		9-12	500			
<b>(9) Youth Co-Op Preparatory High School</b>  <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 6, 2010.</i>	Youth Co-Op, Inc.	2011/ 2012	9	185		Founding Board Members: O. Frank Valladares, Owner, Law Offices of O. Frank Valladares & Associates; Mario Hernandez-Fumero, Director-International Markets, Quantum Alliance, Inc.; Jose A. Riesco, Staffing Specialist, Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Ania R. Diaz, Lead Teacher, Beth David Gordon ECC; Fidel J. Garcia, President, Ryangolf Corporation; Gerard M. Kouri, Jr., President, Gerard M. Kouri Jr. PA; Francisco B. Sitjes, Senior Budget & Financial Advisor, City of Miami; and, Elena Z. Herrera, Circuit 16 Operations Manager, DCF State of Florida.	\$887,223 (6 Positions)
	N/A		9-12	750			
<b>TOTAL REVENUE (\$):</b>							<b>\$20,720,937</b>
<b>TOTAL TEACHER POSITIONS:</b>							<b>135</b>

Initial Year Loss: The revenue and teaching positions indicated as “Initial Year Loss” provide an estimate of the potential impact to the District’s General Fund (\$20,720,937) and instructional staffing (135 positions). The loss of revenue describes 95% of FEFP funds per student, based on 75% of the initial year’s enrollment projection that will not be realized by the District for the current fiscal year. The loss in teaching positions, based on average class size requirements, reflects the possible reduction in basic teaching positions resulting from the anticipated decrease in students.

Copies of the applications and amendments 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 application of:

1. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Advantage Academy of Miami, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement that includes the approved application;
2. Bridgepoint Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridgepoint Academy West, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement that includes the approved application;
3. City of Hialeah, Florida, on behalf of City of Hialeah Construction, Architecture, and Design Academy, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement that includes the approved application;
4. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Everglades Charter High School, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement that includes the approved application;
5. Florida High School for Accelerated Learning - Miami, Inc., on behalf of Florida High School for Accelerated Learning Miami Campus, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement that includes the approved application;
6. Sweetwater Education, Inc., on behalf of Miami-Dade Science Schools, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement that includes the approved application;
7. Florida High School for Accelerated Learning - Miami, Inc., on behalf of North Gardens High School, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement that includes the approved application;

8. Florida High School for Accelerated Learning - Miami, Inc., on behalf of South Cutler High School, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement, that includes the approved application; and,
9. Youth Co-Op, Inc., on behalf of Youth Co-Op Preparatory High School, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement that includes the approved application.

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