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 District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF 2 CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

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 two charter school applications below and recommended approval to the Superintendent.

(1)/(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		(6)	(7)
Name of School	Legal Entity Educational Service Provider (ESP)	Initial Year	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Initial Year Loss
			Initial/Current Year Maximum			Revenue (\$) & Teacher Positions
(1) RAMZ Academy K-5 Miami Campus <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 25, 2010.</i>	RAMZ Academy, Inc.	2011/ 2012	K-5	388	None	\$1,871,219 (15 Positions)
			K-5	388		
(2) RAMZ Academy 6-8 Middle, Miami Campus <i>ARC voted by majority vote to recommend approval on October 25, 2010.</i>	N/A		6-8	330		\$1,582,978 (11 Positions)
			6-8	330		
TOTAL REVENUE (\$):						\$3,454,197
TOTAL TEACHER POSITIONS:						26

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; and, (7) Potential Loss of Revenue and loss in Teacher Positions resulting from reduction in FTE based on average class size requirements.

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 (\$3,454,197) and instructional staffing (26 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 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. RAMZ Academy, Inc., on behalf of RAMZ Academy K-5 Miami Campus, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board; and,
2. RAMZ Academy, Inc., on behalf of RAMZ Academy 6-8 Middle, Miami Campus, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.

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