

Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent
District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF 3 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 three charter school applications below and recommended approval to the Superintendent.

(1)/(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	
Name of School	Legal Entity Educational Service Provider (ESP)	Initial Year	Grade Levels Initial/Current Year Maximum	Enrollment	Focus/Theme	Founding/ Gov. Board Members	Initial Year Loss Revenue (\$) & Teacher Positions
(1) Inspiring Minds Academy Homestead <i>ARC meeting dates: October 5, 2010, and January 27, 2011. By a unanimous vote, the ARC made a recommendation of approval.</i>	Inspiring Minds Academy, Inc.	2011/2012	6-9	750	None	Founding Board Members: Mr. Antonio R. Cruz, Agent/Consultant, Doctor's Choice Companies, Inc.-Kenny Jones; Mr. Mario Ruiz, Director, All In One Mortgage Lenders; Mr. Carlos A. Becerra, Director of Federal Relations, Florida International University; Mr. Uwe J. Cedron, Project Manager, Shores Development, Inc.; and Mr. Valerio T. Cedron, Claim Adjuster, State Farm Insurance.	\$3,698,765 (25 Positions)
	N/A		6-12	1,313			

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.

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(2) Renaissance Charter School at Aventura <i>ARC meeting dates: September 30, 2010, and January 18, 2011. By unanimous vote, the ARC made a recommendation of approval.</i>	Renaissance Charter School, Inc.	2011/ 2012	K-7	913	None	Governing Board Members: Mr. Ken Haiko, Sales, Packaging Corporation of America; Mr. Dennis Clark, President, Rise Assessment Solutions; Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Undersheriff, Broward Sheriff's Office; and Mr. Corey Gold, Vice-President, Homestead Hospital. This is the same governing board for the following charter schools in existence: Keys Gate Charter School; Keys Gate Charter High School; Renaissance Elementary; and Renaissance Middle.	\$4,518,474 (31 Positions)
	Charter Schools USA		K-8	1,504			
(3) Renaissance Charter School at Miami Lakes <i>ARC meeting dates: September 30, 2010, and January 18, 2011. By a unanimous vote, the ARC made a recommendation of approval.</i>			K-7	913			\$4,518,474 (31 Positions)
			K-8	1,504			
TOTAL REVENUE (\$):							\$12,735,713
TOTAL TEACHER POSITIONS:							88

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 (\$12,735,713) and instructional staffing (88 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 evaluations 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. Inspiring Minds Academy, Inc., on behalf of Inspiring Minds Academy Homestead, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board;
2. Renaissance Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Renaissance Charter School at Aventura, 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,
3. Renaissance Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Renaissance Charter School at Miami Lakes, 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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