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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF TWO CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

AUTHORIZATION

Section 1002.33, F.S., authorizes the establishment of charter schools in Florida. As provided in Section 1002.33(6), F.S., and School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) receives and reviews charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community. On August 1, 2012, the School Board received 57 applications to operate a charter school in Miami-Dade County. Pursuant to Section 1002.33(6)(b)(3), F.S., a sponsor must approve or deny an application no later than 60 calendar days after the application is received unless the applicants have agreed in writing to extend the statutory timeline.

EVALUATION

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, the District reviews all applications using an evaluation instrument developed by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and may include additional information or documents requested by the District. The Standard Model Application includes 19 standards of evaluation, certification and assurance declarations. The Sponsor shall deny any application that does not comply with the statutory requirements and/or Sponsor's instructions for charter school applications.

The Superintendent has appointed two committees with the responsibility to review and evaluate charter school applications: Technical Review Committee (TRC) and Application Review Committee (ARC). These committees are comprised of representatives from various District departments and are charged with identifying deficiencies in the written application and/or areas that require clarification to fully evaluate the quality of the application or the capacity of the applicant to properly implement the proposed plan.

APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, two (2) charter school applications are being presented for final consideration by the School Board. Detailed in the chart below is a summary of each charter school application and the corresponding committee recommendation. The specific details for each recommendation can be found in the identified Attachment and the evaluation forms which are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. Copies of the applications and evaluations, which are also incorporated by reference in this Board item, 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.

	Type of Application	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	High Performing	Doral Academy West Charter High School	Doral Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	Traditional	Success Preparatory Academy	Success Preparatory Academy Charter School, Inc.		

NET FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE DISTRICT

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, “an application shall be automatically rescinded, without further action by the Sponsor, if the applicant does not enter into contract negotiations or open the school within: (1) the timeframe specified by law, or (2) the date of extension which has been mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.” Currently there are 16 charter school applications from previous cohorts that have deferred opening until the 2013-14 SY and five approved from the 2012 Cohort (April 2012 and January 2013 School Board meetings) [schools in the pipeline]. Moreover, in relation to the application from the 2012 Cohort, included in this Board Item, there are two applications recommended for approval. In the event that all the proposed schools open as anticipated, it is estimated that the net impact to the District next school year will be as follows:

	Initial Year Loss (\$ Revenue)	Initial Year Loss (Human Capital)	
		Instructional	Non-Instructional
Schools in the Pipeline (21)	\$48,278,746	494	307
2012 Application Cohort (2)* (Attachment A)	\$4,372,670	44	27
Total	\$52,651,416	538	334

REDUCTION-IN-FORCE/LAYOFF

Any significant increase or decrease in student enrollment (FTE) directly impacts the District’s operating budget as well as instructional and non-instructional staffing levels. To ensure that the District’s financial position remains positive, changes in FTE must be closely monitored. Since a financial impact to the District is anticipated as a result of this item for the two charter school applications recommended for approval, Board authorization is requested to initiate a Reduction-in-Force/Layoff if it becomes necessary. Any such Reduction-in-Force/Layoff affecting instructional and non-instructional staff would be implemented in accordance with School Board policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements. The number of position reductions will not exceed the stated Initial Year Loss* for the approved charter school applications included in this item and will be re-evaluated and adjusted in subsequent years to reflect changes in FTE.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. Approve the charter school application and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the application as approved by the School Board for:
 - a. Doral Academy, Inc., on behalf of Doral Academy West Charter High School; and
 - b. Success Preparatory Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Success Preparatory Academy.
2. Approve a Reduction-in-Force/Layoff, as appropriate, in accordance with School Board policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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Attachments

**School Board Agenda Item C-30
ATTACHMENT A**

APPLICANTS:

- Doral Academy West High School
- Success Preparatory Academy

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)	(8)	(9)
Name of School.	Legal Entity	Initial Year	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Founding/ Gov. Board Members	Initial Year Loss	
	Educational Service Provider (ESP)		Initial/Current Year		Special Provisions or Requested Action(s)		Revenue (\$)	HUMAN CAPITAL (Instructional /Non-Instructional)
			Maximum					
(2) Doral Academy West Charter High School <i>ARC meeting date: November 26, 2012. By a majority vote, the ARC recommended approval.</i>	Doral Academy, Inc.	2013/2014	9-10	350	None	Governing Board Members: Angela Ramos, Programming Director, Univision; Rene Rovirosa, Principal, Mater Lakes ACMS/ Mater Lakes ACSH; Manny Cid, Comm. Liaison; Kim Guilarte, Principal, Somerset ACMS (S. Miami)/Somerset ACES (S. Miami); and Luis M. Fusté, Legal Advisor. This is the same governing board for the following charter schools currently in existence: Doral Acad.; Doral ACMS; Doral AHS; Doral Acad. of Technology; Doral Perf. Arts & Entert. Acad.; and Just Arts and Management (JAM) CMS.	\$1,599,057	(15 Positions)/ 10 positions)
	Academica Dade, LLC		9-12	1,000	High Performing Replication			

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			Maximum					
(4) Success Preparatory Academy <i>ARC meeting date: September 6, 2012. By a majority vote, the ARC recommended approval.</i>	Success Preparatory Academy Charter School, Inc.	2013/2014	K-6	596	College Prep	Founding Board Members: Mr. Zedric C. Cross, Operations Analysis, Clayton County Schools; Ms. Diana Elysee, Teacher, Marion County Public Schools; and Ms. Lenore M. Robinson, Agent, West Corporation.	\$2,773,613	(29 Positions)/ 17 positions)
	N/A		K-8	860	None			
TOTAL REVENUE (\$):							\$4,372,670	
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS								44
TOTAL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS								27

Initial Year Loss: The revenue and positions indicated as "Initial Year Loss" provide an estimate of the potential impact to the District's General Fund (\$4,372,670), instructional staffing (44 positions), and non-instructional staffing (27 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.

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