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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

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. As of 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, as well as certification and assurance declarations. The Sponsor shall deny any application that does not comply with the statutory requirements and/or Sponsor's policies and 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 evaluating the quality of the application or the capacity of the applicant to properly implement the proposed plan.

APPLICATION

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, one (1) charter school application is being presented for final consideration by the School Board. Detailed in the chart below is a summary of the charter school application and the corresponding committee recommendation. Application details can be found in the identified Attachment and the evaluation form which are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

	Type of Application	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	Traditional	Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter Middle School	Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A

DUE PROCESS

To ensure proper notice and due process, the applicant was noticed of the Superintendent's intent to recommend approval or denial to the School Board and provided a copy of the final evaluation prior to this School Board Meeting. The applicant was also informed of the School Board's Instructional Excellence and Community Engagement Committee Meeting and procedures for requesting to appear before the School Board at meetings and public hearings. Additionally, a courtesy orientation for charter school applicants was noticed on the Charter School Support department's website and facilitated by multiple district departments on May 4, 2012. Individual appointments regarding application preparation were also held throughout the year by Charter School Support staff, upon request.

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 seven approved from the 2012 Cohort (April 2012, January 2013, and March 2013 School Board meetings) [schools in the pipeline]. Moreover, in relation to the application from the 2012 Cohort, included in this Board Item, there is one application 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 (23)	\$52,651,416	538	334
2012 Application Cohort (1)	\$1,503,943	14	9
Total	\$54,155,359	552	343

Copies of the application and evaluation, 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.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approves the charter school application and authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the application as approved by the School Board for Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter Middle School.

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Attachments

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

APPLICATION:

- **Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter Middle School**

The M-DCPS' Charter School Application Review Committee (ARC) met to review the one charter school application 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					
(1) Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter Middle School <i>ARC meeting date: February 19, 2013. By a majority vote, the ARC recommended approval.</i>	Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc.	2013/2014	6-8	330	Sports Leadership and Management	Governing Board Members: Robert C. Blanch, Attorney, Siegfried, Rivera, Lerner, et al., P.A.; Alina Lopez, Asst. Principal, Doral AMS; Shannine Sadesky, Principal, Somerset AES; Cesar Crousillat, Co-Owner, CKA Construction Group LLC.; Robert Abello, MD Physician; and Rene Ruiz, Attorney, Ford & Harrison. This is the same governing board as: Sports Leadership Acad. of Miami CHS.	\$1,503,943	(14 Positions)/ 9 positions)
	Academica, LLC		6-8	550	None			
TOTAL REVENUE (\$):							\$1,503,943	
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS								14
TOTAL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS								9
TOTAL REVENUE (\$):							\$1,503,943	

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 (\$1,503,943), instructional staffing (14 positions), and non-instructional staffing (9 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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