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 School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF FIVE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS, THREE AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS AND TWO RENEWED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

**NEW CHARTER CONTRACTS**

Section 1002.33(7), F. S., states that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contract between the charter school and the School Board following a public meeting.

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) reviewed the five charter school contracts and made the following recommendations to the Superintendent.

	Type of Contract	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	5-Year Charter*	iMater Academy Middle School	Mater Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	5-Year Charter/ & School Name Change	Mater Academy High School North Campus			
3.	5-Year Charter	Somerset Academy Bay	Somerset Academy, Inc.		
4.	5-Year Charter	Somerset Academy Bay Middle School			
5.	5-Year Charter*	Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter Middle School	Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc.		

*\*The approved applications related to these contracts were approved in the 2012 Application Cohort. The remaining new contracts are related to applications approved in a prior year but opening was deferred for one year to August 2013.*

**CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND RENEWALS**

Section 1002.33(7)(c), F. S. provides that a charter contract may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term. Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) reviewed three contract amendments and made recommendations to the Superintendent as follows.

	Type of Amendment/ Renewal	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
<b>AMENDMENT(S)</b>					
1.	Location	AcadeMir Charter School Middle	Academir Charter School, Inc.	<b>Approval</b>	<b>Attachment A</b>
2.	15-Year Term/ Location/ Enrollment	Miami Arts Charter School - High Performing Charter School**	Miami Arts, Inc.		
3.	Enrollment Eligibility	Stellar Leadership Academy	Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc.		
<b>RENEWAL(S)</b>					
1.	5-year Renewal & School Name Change	Advanced Learning Charter School	Advanced Learning Charter School, Inc.	<b>Approval</b>	<b>Attachment A</b>
2.	15-year Renewal/ Enrollment Amendment	Coral Reef Montessori Charter School - High Performing Charter School**	Coral Reef Montessori Charter School, Inc.		

\*\*Pursuant to s. 1002.33, "high performing" is a designation made by the Commissioner of Education for certain charter schools that allows them to increase enrollment, expand grade levels, submit quarterly rather than monthly financial reports, consolidate multiple charters, and modify charter term to 15 years.

Any significant increase in charter school student enrollment (Charter FTE) directly impacts the District's operating budget as well as instructional and non-instructional staffing levels. The new charter school contracts in this Board item represent an increase in overall charter school enrollment. To ensure that the District's financial position remains positive, Board authorization is requested to allow a Reduction-in-Force/Layoff only 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 Loss included in this item and will be re-evaluated and adjusted in subsequent years to reflect changes in FTE. The impact caused by each contract is provided in Attachment A.

District Impact	2013-14 SY Initial Loss		2013-14 SY Initial Loss - Human Capital		
	Total FEFP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non- Instructional Positions
			Core <sup>1</sup>	Non-Core <sup>2</sup>	
<b>New Contracts</b>	\$7,320,730	1,196	57	14	50
<b>Amendments</b>	\$0	0	0	0	0
<b>Renewals</b>	\$0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL INTIAL LOSS:</b>	<b>\$7,320,730</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>50</b>

<sup>1</sup> Core includes: elementary education, language arts/reading, mathematics, science, and social science.

<sup>2</sup> Non-Core includes: electives and all other subject areas and programs.

Copies of the contracts and renewal documents 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:

1. Approve five new charter contracts with:
  - a. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of iMater Academy Middle School, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018;
  - b. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of iMater Preparatory Academy High School, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2017, as a deferral to open was granted;
  - c. Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy Bay, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2017, as a deferral to open was granted;
  - d. Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy Bay Middle School, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2017 (deferred one year); and
  - e. Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter Middle School, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.
  
2. Approve five amended charter contracts with:
  - a. Academir Charter School, Inc., on behalf of AcadeMir Charter School Middle, to allow the school to remain at the current temporary facility (10601 S.W. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33165) until construction is completed at the permanent facility (5800 S.W. 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, Florida 3183) for a period not to exceed 2 years, effective immediately;
  - b. Miami Arts, Inc., on behalf of Miami Arts Charter School, to:
    - (i.) modify the charter from a term of five years to a term of 15 years, ending June 30, 2024;
    - (ii.) add a campus located at 3000 S.E. Ninth Street, Homestead, Florida 33033;
    - (iii.) increase the student enrollment to a maximum of 1,250 students, commencing with the 2014-2015 school year;and
  - c. Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc., on behalf of Stellar Leadership Academy, to change the enrollment eligibility ages from 16-21 years old to 14-21 years old commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.

3. Approve two renewed charter contracts with:
  - a. Advanced Learning Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Advanced Learning Charter School, for a term of five years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018, and changing the name of the school from Advanced Learning Charter School to Highly Inquisitive & Versatile Education (HIVE) Preparatory School; and
  - b. Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Coral Reef Montessori Charter School, for a term of 15 years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028, and increasing enrollment capacity to: (i.) a maximum of 588 students for the 2014-2015 school year; (ii.) a maximum of 676 students for the 2015-2016 school year; and (iii.) a maximum of 764 students for the 2016-2028 school years.
4. Approve a Reduction-in-Force/Layoff as needed in accordance with School Board policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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

**NEW CONTRACTS:**

- iMater Academy Middle School
- Mater Academy High School North Campus
- Somerset Academy Bay
- Somerset Academy Bay Middle School
- Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter Middle School

**AMENDMENTS:**

- AcadeMir Charter School Middle
- Miami Arts Charter School
- Stellar Leadership Academy

**RENEWALS:**

- Advanced Learning Charter School
- Coral Reef Montessori Charter School

The M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) reviewed the ten charter school contracts below and recommended approval to the Superintendent.

(1)(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(8)	(9)	(10)	
Name of School	School Location(s)	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	2012 School Grade/Rating	DISTRICT IMPACT 2013-14 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current or Initial Year	Maximum Capacity			Revenue (\$)/ Positions	Instr.
<b>NEW CONTRACTS</b>								
<b>iMater Academy Middle School</b> ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on April 11, 2013.</i>	651 W. 20 Street Hialeah, Florida 33010	5 years	6-8	440	Approval of a 5 year contract	N/A	\$2,026,970	
	Westland Hialeah Senior High							
	620 W. 20 Street Hialeah, Florida 33010	2013/2018	6-8	600			20	14
	Westland Hialeah Senior High							

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	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Current or Initial Year	Maximum Capacity			Revenue (\$)/ Positions	Instr.
<b>Mater Academy High School North Campus</b> ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on April 11, 2013.</i>	651 W. 20 Street Hialeah, Florida 33010	5 years	9-10	400	Approval of a 5 year contract and change the school name to iMater Preparatory Academy High School.	N/A	\$1,835,450	
	Westland Hialeah Senior High							
	620 W. 20 Street Hialeah, Florida 33010	2012/ 2017	9-12	750			17	12
	Westland Hialeah Senior High							
<b>Somerset Academy Bay</b> ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on April 11, 2013.</i>	9500 S.W. 97 Avenue Miami, Florida 33176	5 years	K-5	270	Approval of a 5 year contract.	N/A	\$1,231,195	
	Miami Killian Senior High	2012/ 2017	K-5	750			12	9
<b>Somerset Academy Bay Middle School</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on April 11, 2013.</i>	9500 S.W. 97 Avenue Miami, Florida 33176	5 years	6-8	44	Approval of a 5 year contract.	N/A	\$200,145	
	Miami Killian Senior High	2012/ 2017	6-8	750			2	1
<b>Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter Middle School</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on April 11, 2013.</i>	604 N.W. 12 Avenue Miami, Florida 33135	5 years	6-8	440	Approval of a 5 year contract.	N/A	\$2,026,970	
	Booker T. Washington Senior High	2013/ 2018	6-8	550			20	14

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Name of School	School Location(s)	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	2012 School Grade/Rating	DISTRICT IMPACT 2013-14 SY Revenue (\$)/ Positions Instr. Non- Instr.
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current or Initial Year				
<b>AMENDMENTS</b>							
<b>AcadeMir Charter School</b> ESP: N/A  <i>CRC recommended approval on April 11, 2013.</i>	5800 S.W. 135 Avenue Miami, Florida 33183 <i>(Permanent)</i>	5 years	6-8	41	Approval of a contract amendment to allow the school to remain at the current temporary facility until construction is completed at the permanent facility, for a period not to exceed 2 years, effective immediately.	Not Graded	N/A – No increase in FTE
	Miami Sunset Senior High						
	10601 S.W. 48 Street Miami, Florida 33165 <i>(Temporary)</i>	2012/2017	6-8	255			
	Southwest Miami Senior High						
<b>Miami Arts Charter School</b> ESP: N/A  <i>CRC recommended approval on April 19, 2013.</i>	3900 Biscayne Boulevard Miami, Florida 33137	15 years	6-12	690	Approval of a contract amendment to (i.) modify the charter from 5 years to 15 years, ending June 30, 2024; (ii.) add a campus located at 3000 S.E. Ninth Street, Homestead, Florida 33033; and (iii.) increase the student enrollment by 450 students to a maximum of 1,250 students, commencing with the 2014-2015 school year.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE until 2014-2015 SY
	Booker T. Washington Senior High	2009/2024	6-12	800			

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Name of School	School Location(s)	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	2012 School Grade/Rating	DISTRICT IMPACT
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current or Initial Year	Maximum Capacity			2013-14 SY Revenue (\$)/Positions
							Instr. Non-Instr.
<b>Stellar Leadership Academy</b> ESP: Tri-Star Leadership, Inc.  <i>No CRC required pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	7900 N.W. 27 Avenue, Suite F20 Miami, Florida 33147	5 years	9-12	346	Approval of a contract amendment to change the enrollment eligibility ages from 16-21 years old to 14-21 years old, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	Not Rated	N/A – No increase in FTE
	Miami Central Senior High	2010/2015	9-12	600			
<b>RENEWALS</b>							
<b>Advanced Learning Charter School</b> ESP: N/A  <i>CRC recommended approval on April 11, 2013.</i>	5855 N.W. 171 Street Miami, Florida 33015	5 years	K-5	449	Approval of a renewed contract for 5 years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018, and to change the name to Highly Inquisitive & Versatile Education (HIVE) Preparatory School.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE
	American Senior High	2013/2018	K-5	452			

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	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current or Initial Year				2013-14 SY Revenue (\$)/ Positions	
			Maximum Capacity				Instr. Non-Instr.	
<b>Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School</b> ESP: N/A  <i>CRC recommended approval on April 19, 2013.</i>	10853 S.W. 216 Street Cutler Bay, Florida 33170	15 years	K-8	417	Approval of a renewed contract for 15 years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028, and to increase enrollment capacity to: (i.) a maximum of 588 students for the 2014-2015 school year; (ii.) a maximum of 676 students for the 2015-2016 school year; and (iii.) a maximum of 764 students for the 2016-2028 school year.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE until 2014-2015 SY	
	Miami Southridge Senior High	2013/2028	K-8	750				
<b>TOTAL REVENUE (\$):</b>							<b>\$7,320,730</b>	
Total Instructional Positions:							<b>71</b>	
Total Non-Instructional Positions:							<b>50</b>	
<b>TOTAL POSITIONS:</b>							<b>121</b>	

Initial Year Loss: The revenue and positions indicated as "Initial Year Loss" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$7,320,730), instructional staffing (71 positions), and non-instructional staffing (50 positions). The loss of revenue is based on 95% of FEFP funds per student and 75% of the initial year enrollment projection that the District will not realize for the current fiscal year.

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