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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT, TWO AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS AND FIVE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWALS**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT**

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**NEW AND AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL 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 charter school contracts presented on this board item were required to go before the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC). Additional details for each contract can be found in Attachment A, which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. The recommendations are as follows:

Type of Contract	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1. 5-Year Initial Charter	The Arts Academy of Excellence	Arts Academy of Excellence, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A

Type of Contract	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1. Change of Name/ Change of Location/ Enrollment Increase	Mater Academy West	Mater Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2. Add Location/ Enrollment Increase	iMater Preparatory Academy High School			

**CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWALS**

Section 1002.33(7)(b), F. S., states that a charter may be renewed provided that a program review demonstrates that the significant components of the charter application have been successfully accomplished and that none of the following grounds for nonrenewal/termination have been established: (1) failure to participate in the state's education accountability system or failure to meet the requirements for student performance stated in the charter; (2) Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management; (3) violation of law; or (4) other good cause. Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, five (5) charter school contract renewals presented in this board item were required to be negotiated by the MDCPS' CRC. Additional details for each renewal contract can be found in Attachment A, which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. The renewal recommendations are as follows:

Type of Renewal		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	High-Performing*/ 15-year Renewal/ Add Location	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Mater Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	High-Performing*/ 15-year Renewal/ Add Location	Mater Academy Lakes Middle School		Approval	
3.	High-Performing*/ 15-year Renewal	Mater Gardens Academy		Approval	
4.	High-Performing*/ 15-year Renewal	Mater Gardens Academy Middle School		Approval	
5.	High-Performing*/ 15-year Renewal	Pinecrest Academy (South Campus)	Pinecrest Academy, Inc.	Approval	

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

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 contract and three amended contracts presented on 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. Additional information on the potential impacts is provided in Attachment A.

District Impact	Initial Loss		Initial Loss - Human Capital			
	Total FEFP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non-Instructional Positions	Total Positions
			Core <sup>1</sup>	Non-Core <sup>2</sup>		
Contracts (1) [2016-2017 SY]	\$903,685	149	8	2	6	16
Amendments (2) [2016-2017 SY]	\$1,140,220	188	10	3	8	21
<b>TOTAL INITIAL LOSS:</b>	<b>\$2,043,905</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</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 have been 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 one (1) new charter school contract with Arts Academy of Excellence, Inc., on behalf of The Arts Academy of Excellence, for a 5-year term, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2021.
2. Approve two (2) amended charter school contracts with:
  - A. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy West, to (i.) change the school's name to Mater Academy Bay Elementary; (ii.) change the school's location to 22025 S.W. 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cutler Bay, Florida 33190 (Folio No. 36-6015-000-0040), commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2021; and (iii.) increase the student enrollment as follows: (a) from 450 students to a maximum of 600 students for the 2016-2017 school year; (b) from 575 students to a maximum of 685 students for the 2017-2018 school year; (c) from 650 students to a maximum of 815 students for the 2018-2019 school year; (d) from 715 students to a maximum of 875 students for the 2019-2020 school year; and (e) from 750 students to a maximum of 875 students for the 2020-2021 school year; and
  - B. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of iMater Preparatory Academy High School, to (i.) add a permanent facility located at 701 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Hialeah, Florida 33010 (Folio No. 04-3013-034-0122, commencing with the 2017-2018 school year; and (ii.) increase student enrollment from 750 students to a maximum of 850 students, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2017.
3. Approve five (5) renewal charter school contracts, under Section 1002.331(3), F.S., **High-Performing Charter Schools**, for:
  - A. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of:
    - i. Mater Academy Lakes Middle School, for a 15-year term, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year, and ending on June 30, 2031;

- ii. Mater Academy Lakes High School, for a 15-year term, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year, and ending on June 30, 2031;
  - iii. Mater Gardens Academy, for a 15-year term renewal, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year, and ending on June 30, 2031;
  - iv. Mater Gardens Academy Middle School, for a 15-year term renewal, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year, and ending on June 30, 2031; and
- B. Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Academy (South Campus), for a 15-year term renewal, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year, and ending on June 30, 2031.
4. Approve a Reduction-in-Force/Layoff as needed, only to the extent described in this item as Total Initial Loss, in accordance with School Board Policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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Attachment

**School Board Agenda Item D-65  
ATTACHMENT A**

**NEW CONTRACT:**

1. The Arts Academy of Excellence

**AMENDMENTS:**

1. Mater Academy West
2. iMater Preparatory Academy High School

**RENEWALS:**

1. Mater Academy Lakes High School\*
2. Mater Academy Lakes Middle School\*
3. Mater Gardens Academy\*
4. Mater Gardens Academy Middle School\*
5. Pinecrest Academy (South Campus)\*

\* Denotes "high performing" charter

(1)(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(8)	(10)	(11)	(12)	
Name of School	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/Theme	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2016-17 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current Year					Revenue (\$)/ Positions	
			Maximum Capacity					Instr.	Non-Instr.
<b>NEW CONTRACT</b>									
<b>The Arts Academy of Excellence</b> ESP: N/A  Feeder Pattern: Hialeah-M. Lakes SH  CRC recommended approval on June 30, 2016.	780 Fisherman St. Opa-Locka, FL 33054	5 years	6-8	198	Performing Arts and Architecture	Approval of a charter school contract, for a term of five (5) years, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2021.	City of Opa-Locka  North Region Hantman	\$903,685	
	M. Lakes MS	2015/2020	6-12	498				10	6
	P. Springs MS								
	North Dade MS								
	H-M. Lakes SH								

(1)(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)		
Name of School	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	2014 School Grade/ Rating	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2016-17/S			
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Current Year					Revenue Positions			
			Maximum Capacity					Instr.	Non Instr.		
<b>AMENDMENTS</b>											
<b>Mater Academy West</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  Feeder Pattern: M. Southridge SH  CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2016.	22025 S.W. 87 Ave. Cutler Bay, FL 33190	5 years	K-5	450	N/A – First year of operation	Approval of the first amendment to the contract to (i.) change the school's name to Mater Acad. Bay Elementary; (ii.) change the school's location to 22025 S.W. 87 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cutler Bay, FL 33190 (Folio No. 36-6015-000-0040), commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2021; and (iii.) increase the student enrollment as follows: (a) from 450 students to a max. of 600 students for the 2016-2017 school year; (b) from 575 students to a max. of 685 students for the 2017-2018 school year; (c) from 650 students to a max. of 815 students for the 2018-2019 school year; (d) from 715 students to a max. of 875 students for the 2019-2020 school year; and (e) from 750 students to a max. of 875 students for the 2020-2021 school year.	Cutler Bay  South Region Navarro	\$685,345			
	Bel-Aire ES	2016/2021	K-5	750				8	5		
	Goulds ES										
	Caribbean ES										
	Cutler Ridge ES										
	Jack D. Gordon ES										
	Gulfstream ES										
	Miami Heights ES										
	Pine Lake ES										
	Pine Villa ES										
St. M. Heights ES											
W. Pines ES											
Dr. E. L. Whigham ES											

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	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current Year					Revenue (\$)/Positions	
			Maximum Capacity					Instr.	Non-Instr.
<b>iMater Preparatory Academy High School</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  Feeder Pattern: W. Hialeah SH  CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2016.	651 W. 20 St. Hialeah, FL 33010	5 years	9-12	518	B	Approval of the first amendment to the contract to (i.) add a permanent facility located at 701 W. 20 <sup>th</sup> Street, Hialeah, Florida 33010 (Folio No. 04-3013-034-0122, commencing with the 2017-2018 school year; and (ii.) increase student enrollment from 750 students to a maximum of 850 students, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2017.	Hialeah  North Region Hantman	\$454,875	
	W. Hialeah SH	2012/2017	9-12	750				5	3
<b>RENEWALS</b>									
<b>Mater Academy Lakes High School</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  <b>(High-Performing)</b>  Feeder Pattern: B. Goleman SH  CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2016.	17300 N.W. 87 Ave. Hialeah, FL 33015	10 years	9-12	1,170	A	Approval of the first renewal charter school contract, (i.) under Section 1002.331(3), F.S., <b>High-Performing Charter Schools</b> , for 15-year term, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2031.	Miami-Dade  North Region Hantman	N/A – No increase in FTE.	
	Barbara Goleman Senior High	2006/2016	9-12	1,200					
<b>Mater Academy Lakes Middle School</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  <b>(High-Performing)</b>  Feeder Pattern: B. Goleman SH  CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2016.	17300 N.W. 87 Ave. Hialeah, FL 33015	10 years	6-8	861	A	Approval of the first renewal charter school contract, (i.) under Section 1002.331(3), F.S., <b>High-Performing Charter Schools</b> , for 15-year term, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2031.	Miami-Dade  North Region Hantman	N/A – No increase in FTE.	
	B. Graham Ed. Ctr.	2006/2016	6-8	900					
	E. R. Graham K-8 Ctr.								
	MAST @ J. Marti								

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Name of School	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2016-17 Revenue Positions Instr. Non- Instr.
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Current Year					
			Maximum Capacity					
<b>Mater Gardens Academy</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  <b>(High-Performing)</b>  Feeder Pattern: B. Goleman SH  CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2016.	9010 N.W. 178 Ln Hialeah, FL 33018	10 years	K-5	585	A	Approval of the first renewal charter school contract under Section 1002.331(3), F.S., <b>High-Performing Charter Schools</b> , for 15-year term, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2031.	Miami-Dade  North Region <b>Hantman</b>	N/A – No increase in FTE.
	B. Graham Ed. Ctr.	2006/2016	K-5	900				
	E.R. Graham K-8 Ctr.							
	MAST @ J. Marti							
<b>Mater Gardens Academy Middle School</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  <b>(High-Performing)</b>  Feeder Pattern: B. Goleman SH  CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2016.	9010 N.W. 178 Ln Hialeah, FL 33018	10 years	6-8	217	A	Approval of the first renewal charter school contract under Section 1002.331(3), F.S., <b>High-Performing Charter Schools</b> , for 15-year term, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2031.	Miami-Dade  North Region <b>Hantman</b>	N/A – No increase in FTE.
	B. Graham Ed. Ctr.	2006/2016	6-8	450				
	E. R. Graham K-8 Ctr.							
	MAST @ J. Marti							
<b>Pincrest Academy (South Campus)</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  <b>(High-Performing)</b>  Feeder Pattern: F. Valera SH  CRC recommended approval on June 30, 2016.	15130 S.W. 80 St. Miami, FL 33193	10 years	K-8	748	A	Approval of the first renewal charter school contract under Section 1002.331(3), F.S., <b>High-Performing Charter Schools</b> , for 15-year term, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2031.	Miami-Dade  South Region <b>Navarro</b>	N/A – No increase in FTE.
	N. B. Bossard ES	2006/2016	K-8	800				
	C. M. Eve ES							
	O. Hoover ES							
	Dr. G. L. Porter ES							
	Hammocks MS							
J. M. Canosa MS								
<b>TOTAL 2016-2017 REVENUE (\$):</b>								\$2,043,905
Total 2016-2017 Instructional Positions:								23
Total 2016-2017 Non-Instructional Positions:								14
<b>TOTAL 2016-2017 POSITIONS:</b>								37

Initial Year Loss for the 2016-2017 SY: The revenue and positions indicated as "Initial Year Loss" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$2,043,905) instructional staffing (23 positions), and non-instructional staffing (14 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.

Copies of the application and contracts 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.