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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN DORAL CHARTER UPPER SCHOOL, INC., D/B/A DOWNTOWN DORAL CHARTER UPPER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

Per Section 1002.33(2)(b), F.S., school districts may provide goods and services to a charter school through a contract, separate from the charter contract, at a mutually agreed upon rate. Currently, the School Board has management agreements with five (5) charter schools: Academy for International Education, South Florida Autism Charter School, LBA Construction and Business Management Academy Charter High School, Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, and the SEED School. At the December 6, 2017, meeting, the School Board also approved a request to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a charter school management agreement with KIPP Miami, Inc. In addition, the District is providing curriculum support services to a seventh charter school, Alpha Charter of Excellence, through an agreement approved by the School Board on August 5, 2015.

Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School is the District's first ground-up, District-managed charter school. It has been thriving since its inception in August 2015, earning an "A" for the first two school years. The school provides students with a comprehensive dual language curriculum and bicultural/bilingual education through language acquisition and innovative programs. To expand this successful model, the governing board submitted a charter school application to open a secondary school serving students in grades 6-12. At its December 6, 2017, meeting, the School Board approved a new charter school contract for Downtown Doral Charter Upper School for a five-year term, ending June 30, 2023.

In August 2018, Downtown Doral Charter Upper School will open to serve up to 100 students in grade 6 with the goal of expanding to grades 6-12 serving 1070 students by 2022.

As a result of the successful partnership with Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, the Downtown Doral Charter Upper School governing board seeks to obtain charter school management services for the upper school from the District as provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools Office of Innovation and School Choice.

This item requests that the Board authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a management agreement with Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, d/b/a Downtown Doral Charter Upper School to provide services that may include: financial management services, governance coordination and corporate records maintenance, school operations services and support, regulatory compliance support, other support services including but not limited to human resources coordination, student information systems support, accreditation, and principal support for the term of the charter school contract, with renewal options, and for a fee of up to 10% of funds received by the school through the Florida Education Finance Program per student Full Time Equivalent per year. Additional services, including but not limited to food services and informational technology services, may be provided under separate contracts at cost. These are the same terms as those of the management agreements with the other District-managed charter schools.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

There is no cost to the District associated with this Item.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a management agreement with Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, d/b/a Downtown Doral Charter Upper School to provide services that may include: financial management services, governance coordination and corporate records maintenance, school operations services and support, regulatory compliance support, other support services including but not limited to human resources coordination, student information systems support, accreditation, and principal support for the term of the charter school contract, with renewal options, and for a fee of up to 10% of funds received by the school through the Florida Education Finance Program per student Full Time Equivalent per year. Additional services, including but not limited to food services and informational technology services, may be provided under separate contracts at cost.

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