

April 9, 2018

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School Operations

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE NEW CHARTER  
SCHOOL APPLICATION, FOUR CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT  
AMENDMENTS, AND ONE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT  
RENEWAL

**COMMITTEE:** PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

### **APPLICATIONS**

Section 1002.33, F.S., authorizes the establishment of charter schools by individuals and/or organizations. 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 for approval or denial by the School Board. Section 1002.33(6)(B)(3), F.S., requires School Boards to approve or deny the applications no later than 90 days after receipt, unless the applicant waives the deadline and an extension of time is then granted. This item recommends approval of one charter school application received during the 2018 cycle. If this application is approved, eligible opening would be the 2019-20 school year.

During the 2018 application cycle, a total of ten (10) applications were received and to date, three applications have been withdrawn, one has been approved and six are pending School Board action, one of which is being presented for consideration in this item.

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 standards of evaluation, certification and assurance declarations and an Applicant History Addendum. The Sponsor shall deny any application that does not comply with the State's statutory requirements and rules and/or Sponsor's instructions for charter school applications.

The Superintendent has appointed the Application Review Committee (ARC) with the responsibility to review and evaluate charter school applications after an initial technical review is conducted by staff. The ARC is comprised of representatives from various District departments and is charged with identifying strengths and 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.

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, **Charter Schools**, one charter school application is

being presented for final consideration by the School Board. An overview of the charter school application recommended for approval and the associated ARC recommendation is contained in the following table. Additional details for the application recommended for approval can be found in Attachment "A", which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. The charter school application recommendation is as follows:

<b>Table 1: CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS</b>					
	<b>Type of Application</b>	<b>Proposed Name of School</b>	<b>Legal Entity</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Supporting Documentation</b>
1.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of HIVE Preparatory Charter School, MSID 1014)	HIVE Preparatory School – Riverside K-8	Advanced Learning Charter School, Inc.	Approval	A

*\*Pursuant to s.1002.33(6), F.S., a "An applicant is considered to be replicating a high-performing charter school if the proposed school is substantially similar to at least one of the applicant's high-performing charter schools and the organization or individuals involved in the establishment and operation of the proposed school are significantly involved in the operation of replicated schools."*

#### **AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS**

Section 1002.33(7) F.S., states that the major issues involved in the operation of charter school 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**, four amendments are being presented in this item for School Board consideration. One of the four charter school contract amendments required presentation to the M-DCPS Contract Review Committee (CRC). Additional details for the four amended contracts can be found in Attachment "B", which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. The amended charter school contract recommendations are as follows:

<b>Table 2: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS</b>					
	<b>Type of Amendment</b>	<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Legal Entity</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Supporting Documentation</b>
1.	Name Change	BridgePrep of Arts and Minds (B.A.A.M) (MSID 7022)	Acting for All, Inc.	Approval	Attachment B
2.	High Performing Term Modification to 15 years*	International Studies Charter Middle School (MSID 6045)	International Studies Charter High School, Inc.	No CRC Required	Attachment B
3.	High Performing Term Modification to 15 years*	Mater Grove Academy (MSID 5045)	Mater Academy, Inc.	No CRC Required	Attachment B
4.	High Performing Term Modification to 15 years*	Somerset Gables Academy (MSID 5008)	Somerset Academy, Inc.	No CRC Required	Attachment B

*\*Pursuant to s. 1002.33(2)(e), a high performing charter school may modify its charter contract to a term of 15 years or a 15-year renewal.*

#### **CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT 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; and/or (4) other good cause. Additional details for the renewal contract can be found in Attachment "C", which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. The renewal recommendation is as follows:

Table 3: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWALS					
	Type of Contract	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	5-Year Renewal	Miami Community Charter Middle School (MSID 6048)	Miami Community Charter Middle School, Inc.	Approved	Attachment C

### **DUE PROCESS**

To ensure proper notice and due process, the applicants and non-profit entities were noticed of the Superintendent's recommendation to the School Board and were provided a copy of the final evaluation and/or contract prior to this School Board Meeting. They were also informed of the School Board's Personnel, Student, School and Community Support Committee Meeting and procedures for requesting to appear before the School Board at meetings and public hearings.

Copies of the application, evaluation, and 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.

Board approval of this item does not reflect or constitute a finding of need, justification, or endorsement for any charter school as proposed in the item but only that it meets the statutory requirements for Board approval of a charter school application and/or contract under Section 1002.33, F.S., and School Board Policy, 9800, **Charter Schools**.

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

- A. Approve one new charter school application and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the application as approved by the School Board with Advanced Learning Charter School, Inc., d/b/a HIVE Preparatory School – Riverside K-8 (High Performing Replication of HIVE Preparatory Charter School, MSID 1014).
- B. Approve four charter school contract amendments with:
  1. Acting for All, Inc., d/b/a BridgePrep of Arts and Minds (B.A.A.M) (MSID 7022), to change the school's name from BridgePrep Academy of Arts and Minds (B.A.A.M) to Academy of Arts and Minds commencing January 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019;
  2. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Grove Academy (MSID 5045), under Section 1002.331(2), F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to modify the contract to reflect a 15 year term, beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2030;
  3. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Gables Academy (MSID 5008), under Section 1002.331(2), F.S., High Performing Charter

Schools, to modify the contract to reflect a 15 year term, beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2024; and,

4. International Studies Charter High School, Inc. d/b/a International Studies Charter Middle School (MSID 6045), under Section 1002.331(2), F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to modify the contract to reflect a 15 year term, beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2024.
- C. Approve one charter school contract renewal with Miami Community Charter Middle School, Inc., d/b/a Miami Community Charter Middle School (MSID 6048), to renew the charter contract for a 5-year term commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023.

Attachments

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ATTACHMENT A**

**CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION(S):**

1. Advanced Learning Charter School, Inc., d/b/a HIVE Preparatory School – Riverside K-8.

School Information	Proposed Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Founding/ Gov. Board Members
	Initial/ Exp.	Proposed Initial Year			
		Maximum Capacity			
HIVE Preparatory School – Riverside K-8 (High Performing Replication of HIVE Preparatory Charter School, MSID 1014)	5 year	K-4	520	None	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pedro.Dedesma, Board Chair</li><li>Dr. Joaquin Novoa, Vice Chair</li><li>R. Victor Giorgini, Treasurer</li><li>Jenny Maya-Munne, Parent Representative</li></ul>
Legal Entity: Advanced Learning Charter School, Inc.  Proposed ESP: BridgeRock Education Corp.	2019 - 2024	K-8	820		

Copies of the application and evaluation 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.

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**CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Acting for All, Inc., d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Arts and Minds (B.A.A.M.);
2. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Grove Academy;
3. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Gables Academy; and,
4. International Studies Charter High School, Inc., d/b/a International Studies Charter Middle School.

School Information	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	2017 School Grade/Rating	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area
	Feeder Pattern	Begin/Exp.	Current Maximum Capacity				
BridgePrep Academy of Arts and Minds (B.A.A.M.) (MSID 7022)  Legal Entity: Acting for All, Inc.  ESP: N/A	3138 Commodore Plaza, Miami, FL 33133	5 years		273			
	Auburndale ES, George W. Carver ES, Coconut Grove ES, Fairlawn ES, Henry M. Flagler ES, Silver Bluff ES, Sunset ES, Frances S. Tucker ES, and Henry S. West Laboratory School, Coral Gables Prep. Acad., Key Biscayne K-8 Center, George W. Carver MS, Kinloch Park MS, Ponce de Leon MS; and Coral Gables SHS.	2014 - 2019	9-12	500	C	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To change the school's name from BridgePrep Academy of Arts and Minds (B.A.A.M.) to Academy of Arts and Minds, commencing January 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.</li> </ul>	City of Miami Central Region  Rojas VD 6
Mater Grove Academy (MSID 5045)  Legal Entity: Mater Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica, LLC	2805 SW 32 Ave. Miami, FL 33133	5 years		701			
	Auburndale ES, George W. Carver ES, Coconut Grove ES, Fairlawn ES, Henry M. Flagler ES, Silver Bluff ES, Sunset ES, Frances S. Tucker ES, Henry S. West Laboratory School; Coral Gables Prep. Acad., Key Biscayne K-8 Center, George W. Carver MS, Kinloch Park MS, Ponce de Leon MS and Coral Gables SHS.	2015 - 2020	K-8	1,300	A	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under Section 1002.331(2), F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to modify the contract to reflect a 15 year term, beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2030.</li> </ul>	City of Miami Central Region  Rojas VD 6

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	Feeder Pattern	Beg./ Exp.		Current Maximum Capacity			
Somerset Gables Academy (MSID 5008)  Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica, LLC	Main Campus: 624 Anastasia Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134	10 years	K-8	475	A	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Under Section 1002.331(2), F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to modify the contract to reflect a 15 year term, beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2024.</li></ul>	Main Campus:  Coral Gables  Central Region  Rojas VD 6
	Auburndale ES, George W. Carver ES, Coconut Grove ES, Fairlawn ES, Henry M. Flagler ES, Silver Bluff ES, Sunset ES, Frances S. Tucker ES, Henry S. West Laboratory School, Coral Gables Prep. Acad., Key Biscayne K-8 Center, George W. Carver MS, Kinloch Park MS, Ponce de Leon MS and Coral Gables SHS.						
	Additional Campus: 5859 SW 16 St., West Miami, FL 33155	2009-2019		675			
	Coral Terrace ES, Emerson ES, David Fairchild ES, Flagami ES, Ludlam ES, Sylvania Heights ES, South Miami K-8 Center, South Miami MS, West Miami MS and South Miami SHS.						
International Studies Charter Middle School (MSID 6045)  Legal Entity: International Studies Charter High School, Inc.  ESP: Academica, LLC	2480 SW 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Miami FL 33135	10 years	6-8	450	A	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Under Section 1002.331(2), F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to modify the contract to reflect a 15 year term, beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2024.</li></ul>	City of Miami  Central Region  Rojas VD 6
	Citrus Grove ES, Kensington Park ES, Shenandoah ES, Coral Way K-8 Center, Ada Merritt K-8 Center, Citrus Grove MS, Shenandoah MS and Miami SHS.	2009-2019		316			

Copies of these amended 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, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132, Room 158.

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**CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWALS:**

1. Miami Community Charter Middle School, Inc., d/b/a Miami Community Charter Middle School (MSID 6048).

School Information	School Location	New Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	2017 School Grade / Rating	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area
	Feeder Pattern	Beg. / Exp.	Current Enrollment	Maximum Capacity			
Miami Community Charter Middle School (MSID 6048)  Legal Entity: Miami Community Charter Middle School, Inc.  ESP: N/A	18720 SW 352 St. Florida City, FL 33034	5 years		267	C	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To renew the charter contract for a 5-year term commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023.</li> </ul>	Florida City  South Region  Feldman VD 9
	Florida City Elementary; Laura C. Saunders Elementary; Air Base K-8; Campbell Drive K-8; Coconut Palm K-8; Gateway Environmental K-8; Irving & Peskoe K-8; Leisure City K-8; Mandarin Lakes K-8; and, Homestead Senior High.	2018 - 2023	6-8	484			

Copies of the renewed contract 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, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132, Room 158.