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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF FIVE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, AND THREE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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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 five charter school applications that have been received for the 2019 cycle. If these applications are approved, the earliest eligible opening would be for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with §1002.33(6)(b), F.S. However, approved applicants may defer the opening of the school's operation for up to three years to provide time for adequate facility planning.

APPLICATION 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 standards of evaluation, certification and assurance declarations and an Application 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*, five charter school applications and associated evaluations are being presented for final consideration by the School Board. An overview of these charter school applications and the associated ARC recommendations is contained in the following table. Additional details of the applications can be found in Attachment "A", which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

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The application recommendations are as follows:

Table 1: APPLICATIONS					
Type of Application		Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of Mater Academy Elementary, MSID 0100)	Mater Academy Key Biscayne	Mater Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of Mater Academy Elementary, MSID 0100)	Mater Academy Miami	Mater Academy, Inc.		
3.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of Somerset Academy Charter, MSID 0520)	Somerset Academy Meadow	Somerset Academy, Inc.		
4.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of Somerset Arts Conservatory, MSID 5396)	Somerset Silver Palms Performing Arts Academy	Somerset Academy, Inc.		
5.	Standard	Somerset Delta Academy	Somerset Academy, Inc.		

**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 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**, three amended charter contracts are presented for consideration in this item. Additional details for the three amended charter contracts can be found in Attachment "B". Attachments "B" is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. The amendment recommendations are as follows:

Table 2: CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENTS					
Type of Amendment		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	Enrollment increase	Excelsior Charter Academy (MSID 5032)	Excelsior Academies, Inc.	N/A -Administrative Amendment	Attachment B
2.	Clarify addresses and related folio numbers	Lincoln-Marti Charter School (Little Havana Campus) (MSID 5025)	Lincoln-Marti Charter Schools, Inc.		
3.	Extension of use of a temporary location	Pinecrest North Preparatory (Fontainebleau Campus) (MSID 5004)	Pinecrest Academy, Inc.		

DISTRICT IMPACT

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. One of the amendments being presented represents an increase in overall charter school enrollment and an anticipated initial loss to the District for the 2018-2019 SY.

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 impact is provided in Attachment “B”.

Table 2: TOTAL INITIAL LOSS						
District Impact	Initial Loss		Initial Loss - Human Capital			
	Total FEFP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non-Instructional Positions	Total Positions
			Core ¹	Non-Core ²		
Amendment (1)	\$181,950	40	2	0	1	3
TOTAL INITIAL LOSS:	\$181,950	40	2	0	1	3

DUE PROCESS

To ensure proper notice and due process, the non-profit entities were noticed of the Superintendent’s recommendation to the School Board and were provided a copy of the final evaluation(s) and/or contract prior to the 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 applications, application evaluations, 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 or contract under Section 1002.33, F.S., and School Board Policy, 9800, **Charter Schools**.

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

²Non-Core includes: electives and all other subject areas and programs.

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

- A. Approve five (5) new charter school applications and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate contracts reflecting the contents of the applications as approved by the School Board with:
 1. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy Key Biscayne (*High Performing Replication of Mater Academy Elementary, MSID 0100*);
 2. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy Miami (*High Performing Replication of Mater Academy Elementary, MSID 0100*);
 3. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Meadow (*High Performing Replication of Somerset Academy Charter, MSID 0520*);
 4. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Silver Palms Performing Arts Academy (*High Performing Replication of Somerset Arts Conservatory, MSID 5396*); and,
 5. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Delta Academy.

- B. Approve three charter school contract amendments with:
 1. Excelsior Academies, Inc., d/b/a Excelsior Charter Academy (MSID 5032), to increase the student enrollment by 40 students to a maximum student enrollment of 490 students for the 2018-2019 school year, effective August 20, 2018;
 2. Lincoln-Marti Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a Lincoln-Marti Charter School (Little Havana) (MSID 5025), effective August 20, 2018, add the following, Folio No. 01-4138-003-1150 with the main office located at 970 W. Flagler St., Miami, FL 33130 (this includes all associated addresses within this folio) and Folio No. 01- 4102-002-0340 (988 W. Flagler Street, Miami FL 33130); and,
 3. Pinecrest Academy, Inc., d/b/a Pinecrest North Preparatory - Fontainebleau Campus (MSID 5004), to allow the school to continue to operate on its temporary location at 10207 W. Flagler Street, Miami FL 33174, until October 31, 2018.

- C. 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.

Attachment

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CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION(S):

1. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a **Mater Preparatory Academy K-8**;
2. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a **Mater Academy Miami**;
3. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a **Somerset Academy Meadow**;
4. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a **Somerset Silver Palms Performing Arts Academy**; and,
5. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a **Somerset Delta Academy**.

CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS					
School Information	Proposed Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Theme / Proposed Geographic Area	Founding/ Gov. Board Members
	Initial/ Exp.	Proposed Initial Year			
		Maximum Capacity			
Mater Academy Key Biscayne <i>(Replication of Mater Academy Elementary, MSID 0100)</i> Legal Entity: Mater Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: Academica, LLC	5 years	K-5	372	None / Key Biscayne	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cesar C. Crousillat, Board Chair • Ms. Shannine Sadesky, Vice Chair • Ms. Idalia M. Suarez, Secretary • Mr. Javier Jerez, Director • Mrs. Maurene Sotero Balmaseda, Director
	2020-2025	K-5	536		
Mater Academy Miami <i>(Replication of Mater Academy Elementary, MSID 0100)</i> Legal Entity: Mater Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: Academica, LLC	5 years	K-5	372	None / City of Miami	
	2020-2025	K-5	536		
Somerset Academy Meadow <i>(Replication of Somerset Academy Charter, MSID 0520)</i> Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: Academica LLC	5 years	K-5	372	None / Unincorporated/ South Miami-Dade County	
	2020-2025	K-5	536		
Somerset Silver Palms Performing Arts Academy <i>(Replication of Somerset Arts Conservatory, MSID 5396)</i> Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: Academica LLC	5 years	9	50	Performing Arts/ Homestead	
	2020-2025	9-12	250		
Somerset Delta Academy Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: Academica LLC	5 years	K-5	372	None/ Miami Gardens/North Miami-Dade County	
	2020-2025	K-5	536		

Copies of the applications and evaluations 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. Excelsior Academies, Inc. d/b/a Excelsior Charter Academy (MSID 5032);
2. Lincoln-Marti Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a Lincoln-Marti Charter School (Little Havana), (MSID 5025); and,
3. Pinecrest Academy, Inc., d/b/a Pinecrest North Preparatory (Fontainebleau Campus) (MSID 5004).

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS									
School Information	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Current Enrollment	2017 School Grade/Rating	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2018-2019 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Beg. / Exp.		Maximum Capacity				Revenue Positions	
								Instr.	Non-Instr.
Excelsior Charter Academy (MSID 5032) Legal Entity: Excelsior Academies, Inc. Current ESP: N/A	18200 NW 22 Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33056	5 years	K-8	489	C	Recommended Action(s): Increase the student enrollment by 40 students to a maximum student enrollment of 490 students for the 2018-2019 school year, effective August 20, 2018.	Miami Gardens North Region Gallon VD 1	\$181,950	
	Crestview Elem.; Hibiscus Elem.; Norland Elem.; Norwood Elem.; Parkview Elem.; Scott Lake Elem.; Andover Middle; Norland Middle; Miami Norland Senior.	2017-2022		450				2	1
Lincoln-Marti Charter School (Little Havana) – High Performing (MSID 5025) Legal Entity: Lincoln Marti Charter Schools, Inc. Current ESP: Lincoln-Marti Management Services, Inc.	970-984 W Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130	15 years	K-8	747	A	Recommended Action(s): Effective August 20, 2018, add the following, Folio No. 01-4138-003-1150 with the main office located at 970 W. Flagler St., Miami, FL 33130 (this includes all associated addresses within this folio) and Folio No. 01-4102-002-0340 (988 W. Flagler Street, Miami FL 33130).	City of Miami Central Region Rojas VD 6	N/A	
	Fredrick Douglass Elem.; Eneida M. Hartner Elem.; Riverside Elem.; Southside Elem.; Phillis Wheatley Elem.; Paul L. Dumber K-8 Center; Jose de Diego Middle; Booker T. Washington Senior.	2009 - 2024		900				N/A	N/A
Pinecrest North Preparatory (Fontainebleau Campus) (MSID 5004) Legal Entity: Pinecrest Academy, Inc. Current ESP: Academica LLC	Address not yet determined - Near N.W. 89 th Avenue & Fontainebleau Blvd. Miami, FL 33172 (Folio No. 30-4004-084-0555)	5 years	K-8	80	N/A	Recommended Action(s): Allow the school to continue to operate on its temporarily location at 10207 W. Flagler Street, Miami FL 33174, commencing October 1, 2018, and ending October 31, 2018. <u>Additional Information:</u> Thereafter, the school will be located in a facility near 8851 Fontainebleau Blvd., Miami, FL 33172 (Folio No. 30-4004-084-0555).	Unincorporated (Westchester) Central Region Castillo VD 5	N/A	
	Banyan Elem.; C. Park Elem.; C. R. Hadley Elem.; Rockway Elem.; Seminole Elem.; E.W.F. Stirrup Elem.; Sweetwater Elem.; Everglades K-8 Ctr; Rockway MS; R. Dario MS; and M. Coral Park SH.	2018 - 2022		900				N/A	N/A
Total 2018-2019 Instructional Positions:								2	
Total 2018-2019 Non-Instructional Positions:								1	

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TOTAL 2018-2019 POSITIONS:									3

Initial Year Loss (2018-2019 SY): The revenue and positions indicated as “Initial Year Loss” provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District’s General Fund (\$181,950), instructional staffing (2 positions), and non-instructional staffing (1 position). 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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