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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION, INC., D/B/A ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION UPPER SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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 seven (7) 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, the SEED School, Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, and KIPP Miami Sunrise.

Academy for International Education (AIE) was the District's first district-managed charter school. It has been thriving since its inception in August 2011 and provides a quality school choice option. Since opening, enrollment has grown from 150 students to the current 665 students. To expand upon this successful model, the governing board submitted an application to open a secondary school, Academy for International Education Upper School for Science and Technology (AIE*USST), serving students in grades 6-12, which was approved by the School Board at the March 2018 meeting. As a result of the District's successful partnership with AIE, AIE*USST seeks to obtain charter school management services for the upper school as provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Office of Innovation and School Choice.

A charter school contract for AIE*USST is also being proffered at this meeting, under Agenda Item D-65, for a five-year term ending June 30, 2024. If approved, AIE*USST will open to serve up to 300 students in grades 6-9 with the goal of expanding to 556 students in grades 6-12 by 2023. A contract amendment for AIE is also included under Agenda Item D-65 which would change the grade configuration from a K-8 to a K-5. The students in grades 6-8 will transfer into AIE*USST. The K-5 enrollment will be up to 444 students.

This item requests that the Board authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a management agreement with Miami-Dade Foundation for Educational Innovation, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, on behalf of Academy for International Education Upper School for Science and Technology to provide regulatory compliance and support, administrative consulting and support, school operation services, financial management services, and governance and human resource coordination as required by the charter school board through the term of the charter school contract, with an option to renew, 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 may be provided under separate contract 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 Miami-Dade Foundation for Educational Innovation, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, on behalf of Academy for International Education Upper School for Science and Technology to provide regulatory compliance and support, administrative consulting and support, school operation services, financial management services, and governance and human resource coordination as required by the charter school board through the term of the charter school contract, with an option to renew, 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 may be provided under separate contract at cost.

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