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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE (1) A RENEWAL CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SOUTH FLORIDA AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF SOUTH FLORIDA AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOL; AND (2) A CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 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.

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 six (6) charter schools: Academy for International Education, South Florida Autism Charter School, Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, the SEED School, Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, and KIPP Miami Sunrise.

South Florida Autism Charter School

At its June 2014 meeting, the School Board approved Agenda Item C-1 to renew a charter school management agreement with South Florida Autism Charter School, Inc., on behalf of South Florida Autism Charter School (SFACS). SFACS serves 226 students and provides education and therapeutic services to individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder with communication deficits and/or behavioral challenges and who may require training in self-help skills. The 2014 charter school management agreement aligns with the term of the charter that expires June 30, 2019.

At this June 2019 meeting, under Agenda Item D-65, the School Board will be presented for approval a renewal charter school contract for South Florida Autism Charter School for a five-year term ending June 30, 2024, to serve up to 300 students in grades K-12. SFACS seeks to renew its charter school management agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the term of the renewal charter school contract.

Academy for International Education Upper School for Science and Technology

Academy for International Education (AIE), the District's first district-managed charter school, 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. At the November 20, 2018 meeting, under Agenda Item D-65, the School Board approved a charter school contract for AIE*USST for a five-year term ending June 30, 2024. 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.

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.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute:

(1) a renewal charter school management agreement for South Florida Autism Charter School, Inc., on behalf of South Florida Autism Charter School for the term of the renewal charter 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; and

(2) a charter school management agreement for 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 for the term of the charter 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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