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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE EIGHTH
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
 AGREEMENT WITH THE DORAL ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF
 THE DORAL ACADEMY**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

As per Section 1002.33(7)(c), Florida Statutes, a charter school contractual agreement may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The original charter school contractual agreement with The Doral Academy, Inc., was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 23, 1999, for a term of five years commencing with the 1999-2000 school year. Subsequent amendments have increased the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 350 students to the current maximum of 2,025 students in grades kindergarten through eight.

The Doral Academy is located at 2450 NW 97 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172, and currently serves approximately 732 students in grades kindergarten through five.

The Doral Academy, Inc., established a separate school, Doral Academy Charter Middle School, which opened in the 2003-2004 school year, to serve the middle school students of The Doral Academy. Since both schools entered into an articulation agreement, The Doral Academy, Inc., has requested an eighth amendment which would allow the school to reduce the grade levels from kindergarten through eight to kindergarten through five for the remainder of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2004.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on November 7, 2003, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the eighth amendment to the charter school contractual agreement.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the eighth amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with The Doral Academy, Inc., on behalf of The Doral Academy, to reduce the grade levels from kindergarten through eight to kindergarten through five for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year.

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