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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE THIRD
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
 AGREEMENT WITH PINECREST ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF
 PINECREST PREPARATORY 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 Pinecrest Academy, Inc., was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 17, 2000, for a term of five years commencing with the 2000-2001 school year, and subsequently amended on February 14, 2001, to add capital outlay language, and on July 10, 2002, to correct the name of the contracting party. The maximum enrollment capacity is 700 students.

Pinecrest Preparatory Academy is located at 14301 SW 42 Street, Miami, Florida 33175, and currently serves approximately 500 students in grades kindergarten through five.

Pinecrest Academy, Inc., established a separate school, Pinecrest Academy Charter Middle School, which opened in the 2003-2004 school year, to serve the middle school students of Pinecrest Preparatory Academy. Since both schools entered into an articulation agreement, Pinecrest Academy, Inc., has requested a third amendment which would allow the school to reduce the grade levels from kindergarten through eight to kindergarten through five, and increase the enrollment capacity from for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2005.

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

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the third amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Preparatory Academy, to reduce the grade levels from kindergarten through eight to kindergarten through five for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2005.