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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE
 CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH RYDER
 SYSTEM CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF RYDER
 ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

As per Section 1002.33(7)(b), Florida Statutes, a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed every five school years, and after demonstrating exemplary academic programming and fiscal management, is eligible for a 15-year charter renewal.

The original charter school contractual agreement with Ryder System Charter School, Inc., was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 16, 1999, for a term of five years commencing with the 1999-2000 school year.

Ryder Elementary Charter School is located at 8360 NW 33 Street, Miami, Florida 33122, and currently serves approximately 487 students in grades kindergarten through five.

Commencing with the 2004-2005 school year, the charter school has requested that the contractual agreement be renewed for a term of 15 years, ending on June 30, 2019, and serving a maximum of 500 students in grades kindergarten through five.

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

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the renewal of the charter school contractual agreement with Ryder System Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Ryder Elementary Charter School, for a term of 15 years, beginning with the 2004-2005 school year through the 2018-2019 school year.

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