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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI ON BEHALF OF NORTH MIAMI/FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY CHARTER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools (K-12), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community.

On October 9, 2003, M-DCPS Charter School District Review Committee met to review the application for North Miami/Florida International University Charter Senior High School and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the application to the Superintendent of Schools.

The charter school proposes to serve a maximum of 1,600 students in grades nine through twelve, with 800 students in grades nine and ten in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, at a facility located near NE 151 Street, east of Biscayne Boulevard, North Miami, Florida.

The following is the Founding Board for the charter school, all of whom represent the City of North Miami: Mr. Joe Celestin, Mayor; Mr. Jacques Despinosse, Vice Mayor; Mr. Scott Galvin, Council Member; Mr. Michael Blynn, Council Member; and Mr. Jean Monestime, Council Member.

Any pending issues identified by the Charter School District Review Committee in the recommended application, including minimizing the impact on district schools that are under-enrolled, will be addressed satisfactorily in the development of the charter school contractual agreement. The charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

Copies of the charter school application will be placed on file and will be available for inspection in the School Board Members' office, in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and in the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve the application for The City of North Miami on behalf of North Miami/Florida International University Charter Senior High School; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of fifteen years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, which reflects the contents of the application, as approved by the School Board.

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