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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF NORTHEAST ACADEMY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, states that 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 initial charter school contractual agreement for Northeast Academy was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on July 11, 2001, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2001-2002 school year. A first amendment was approved on August 20, 2003, to correct the name of the contracting party.

Northeast Academy is located at 3400 NW 135 Street, Opa-locka, Florida 33054, and serves approximately 122 students in grades kindergarten through and five. In the 2003-2004 school year, the school received a grade of "D" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education. The most recent financial audit revealed seven audit findings. The school is managed by Charter Schools USA.

Northeast Academy has requested a second amendment to allow the school to reduce the term of the contract by six years to expire on June 30, 2005, thereby ceasing operation at the conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on May 26, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Northeast Academy.

Copies of the amendment to the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Northeast Academy, to reduce the term of the contract by six years to expire on June 30, 2005, thereby ceasing operation at the conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year.

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