

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL
 CONTRACT WITH RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON
 BEHALF OF RENAISSANCE ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL**

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 Renaissance Elementary Charter School 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. The contractual agreement was renewed on January 15, 2004, for a term of 15 years pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)(b), Florida Statutes. A first amendment was approved on August 19, 2004, to change the name of the school to Renaissance Elementary Charter School.

Renaissance Elementary Charter School is located at 8360 NW 33 Street, Miami, Florida 33122, and serves approximately 488 students in grades kindergarten through five. In the 2003-2004 school year, the school received a grade of "A" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education. The most recent financial audit revealed eight audit findings. The school is managed by Charter Schools USA.

Renaissance Elementary Charter School has requested a second amendment to allow the school to enter into an articulation agreement with Renaissance Middle Charter School.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on April 12, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the second amendment to the charter school renewal contract with Renaissance Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Renaissance Elementary Charter School.

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 renewal contract with Renaissance Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Renaissance Elementary Charter School, to enter into an articulation agreement with Renaissance Middle Charter School commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2019, and concludes in the 2018-2019 school year.

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