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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI SHORES

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND 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 Miami Shores Charter Middle/Senior High School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on January 14, 2004, for a term of 15 years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)12, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. A first amendment was approved on May 18, 2005, to integrate the then existing Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School and convert to a charter-in-a-municipality, and change the school name to Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores.

Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores is located at 11301 NW Fifth Avenue, Miami Shores, Florida 33168, and serves approximately 412 students in grades six through ten. In the 2004-2005 school year, Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School received a grade of "A" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education and its most recent financial audit revealed no audit findings.

Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores requested a second amendment which would allow the school to increase the enrollment capacity of the school from a maximum of 375 students to a maximum of 600 students for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year and from a maximum of 525 to a maximum of 600 throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2020, and concludes in the 2019-2020 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on December 9, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Miami Shores Village Charter School Authority on behalf of Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores. Subsequent to the recommendation by the CRC, and upon further review by staff and legal counsel, a recommendation was made to limit increase in the enrollment capacity of the school to a maximum of 450 students for the remainder of the 2005-2006. Enrollment capacity for the 2006-2007 school year will remain at 450; enrollment capacity for the 2007-2008 school year and for the remainder of the term of the contract, which concludes in the 2019-2020 school year, will remain at a maximum of 525 students.

Copies of the amendment 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 Miami Shores Village Charter School Authority on behalf of Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores to increase the enrollment capacity of the school from a maximum of 375 students to a maximum of 450 students for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year.

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