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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER ACADEMY EAST CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

On February 14, 2007, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Mater Academy East Charter High School and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten years.

The school will be located at 998 SW First Street, Miami, Florida 33131, and 450 SW Fourth Street, Miami, Florida 33130. The charter school will serve a maximum of 1,000 students in grades nine through twelve, with a maximum of 500 students in grades nine and ten in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year, and continuing throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2017, and concludes in the 2016-2017 school year.

The following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Mr. David Concepcion, Chief of Staff, Dr. Ruth Jacoby, Educator, Mr. Antonio Roca, Attorney, and Ms. Shannine Sadesky, Educator.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee reviewed the proposed contractual agreement on April 17, 2007, May 3, 2007, and May 11, 2007, and rendered a unanimous recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy East Charter High School on May 11, 2007.

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Copies of the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and will be 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, has previously approved the charter school application, it is recommended that the Board grant approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy East Charter High School for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2017, and concludes in the 2016-2017 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.

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