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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH BALERE, INC., ON BEHALF OF BALERE LANGUAGE ACADEMY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, stipulates 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 Balere, Inc., on behalf of Balere Language Academy (Balere) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on February 11, 2004, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year. A subsequent amendment was granted by The School Board, on July 14, 2004, to change the charter school's address.

Balere is currently located at 10600 Caribbean Boulevard, Cutler Bay, Florida 33189, and serves approximately 151 students in kindergarten through grade five. In order to accommodate additional students, as permitted by the standard charter school contractual agreement, Balere has requested a second amendment to change the school's location to 10875 Quail Roost Drive, Miami, Florida 33157, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and throughout the term of the contract ending on June 30, 2014.

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Balere is not eligible to receive a grade under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09981, all schools must serve at least 30 students per grade level with valid FCAT scores in reading and math in both the current year and the previous year to receive school grades.

Balere's audited financial statements revealed no inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, fraud and/or violations of laws, rules, regulations and contractual provisions.

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Section 7(b) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), stipulates that charter school contractual agreements that fully conform to the approved Standard Charter School Contract do not require review and recommendation by the Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) and can be forwarded directly to the School Board for consideration.

Copies of the amendment to 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, approve the second amendment to the contract with Balere, Inc., on behalf of Balere Language Academy to change the school's location to 10875 Quail Roost Drive, Miami, Florida 33157, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and ending on June 30, 2014.

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