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School Operations

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

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 Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy East Middle School (Mater East Middle) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on April 13, 2005, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year. A subsequent amendment was granted by The School Board, on June 14, 2006, to increase the grade level configuration.

Mater East Middle is currently located at 450 SW Fourth Street, Miami, Florida 33130, and serves approximately 157 students in grades six through nine. Mater East Middle has requested a second amendment to add an additional permanent site located at 998 SW First Street, Miami, Florida 33130, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and throughout the term of the contract ending on June 30, 2015.

Mater East Middle is eligible to be graded under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. Its academic performance is as follows:

School Year	School Grade	AYP
2005-2006	A	Met
2006-2007	A	Met

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

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On May 22, 2008, the Contract Review Committee (CRC) met, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy East Middle School.

Copies of the amendment to 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, approve the second amendment to the contract with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy East Middle School to add an additional permanent site located at 998 SW First Street, Miami, Florida 33130, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year and ending on June 30, 2015.

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