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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH PINECREST ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF PINECREST ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH 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 Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Academy Charter High School (Pinecrest High) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on June 18, 2008, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year. However, pursuant to Section 8(a) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), Pinecrest High requested to extend contract negotiations and defer the opening of school until the 2008-2009 school year.

Pinecrest High is currently temporarily located at 11100 NW 27 Street, Doral, Florida 33172, on the campus of Doral Academy High School, and is authorized to serve students in grades nine through twelve. However, Pinecrest High opened on August 18, 2008 with 14 students in grade nine. Pinecrest High has requested a first amendment to its contract to add a permanent campus located at 14901 SW 42 Street, Miami, Florida 33175. Pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Code, Part III, Chapter 33, Article XI - Public Charter School Facilities, School Board approval of this contractual amendment is a prerequisite for the charter school to make an application to the Miami-Dade County Planning and Zoning Department (County) to obtain appropriate facility approvals. The proposed site would not be operational until successful completion of the County's process and receipt of all appropriate permits and approvals, pursuant to Section 1002.33(18), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. The duration of this amendment will be consistent with the remaining term of the contract ending on June 30, 2018. In the interim, the charter school will continue operation from its existing campus.

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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 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 first amendment to the contract with Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Academy Charter High School to permanently locate at 14901 SW 42 Street, Miami, Florida 33175, commencing in the 2008-2009 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.

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