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**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLANS FOR SEVEN CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT WERE IN A TECHNICAL STATE OF FINANCIAL EMERGENCY AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE INTERNAL CONTROLS AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY**

At the December 2, 2008 meeting, the Audit Committee reviewed the financial statements and Financial Recovery Plans of seven charter schools that were in a state of financial emergency, pursuant to §218.503 Florida Statutes. As detailed below, five of the seven Financial Recovery Plans were deemed acceptable and two were not.

Acceptable Financial Recovery Plan:

- Charter on the Beach Middle School
- Eugenio Maria de Hostos Leadership Charter School
- Lawrence Academy Senior High
- Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, North
- Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, South

Unacceptable Financial Recovery Plan:

- Miami Community Charter Middle
- Oxford Academy of Miami

At its November 18, 2008 meeting the School Board terminated Oxford Academy's Charter pursuant to a recommendation from staff. For Miami Community Charter Middle, last year was their first year of operation. Staff recommends that the school clarify discrepancies in the financial statements and revise its recovery plan. At the December 2, 2008 Audit Committee meeting, the Committee directed the Office of Management and Compliance Audits to consult with the School Board Attorney relative to the sufficiency of a pledge made by the president of Aspira of Florida, Inc. to Eugenio Maria de Hostos Leadership Charter School to defer the collection of certain debt.

The Audit Committee recommended transmitting to the School Board the financial statements and the Financial Recovery Plans of the seven charter schools.

Statements may be viewed at [http://mca.dadeschools.net/CBO\\_Charter\\_0809.asp](http://mca.dadeschools.net/CBO_Charter_0809.asp). Copies of the financial statements and the Financial Recovery Plans were previously distributed and placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center. Additional copies will be provided upon request.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the Review of Audited Financial Statements and Financial Recovery Plans for Seven Charter Schools That Were In A State of Financial Emergency as of Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008 listed above.