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School/District Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES 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 International Studies Charter High School, Inc., on behalf of International Studies Charter High School (International High) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on June 16, 2004, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year. Subsequent actions were granted by The School Board to allow the school to relocate and operate at two campuses.

International High is currently operating from one campus located at 396 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida 33134, and serves approximately 253 students in grades nine through twelve. International High has requested a third amendment to permanently locate the school at 2480 SW Eighth Street, Miami, Florida 33135, effective January 2009.

As part of this amendment, International High has also requested to delete the campuses located at: (1) University of Miami Koubek Center, 2705 SW Third Street, Miami, Florida 33135; and (2) 450 SW Fourth Street, Miami, Florida 33130, in conjunction with City of Miami's Jose Marti Park, Classroom Annex, 351 SW Fourth Street, Miami, Florida 33130 (adjacent facilities). The duration of this amendment will be consistent with the remaining term of the contract ending on June 30, 2013.

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International High 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
2004-2005	A	Yes
2005-2006	A	Provisional
2006-2007	B	No
2007-2008	A	No

International High's financial audit revealed no inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, fraud and/or violations of laws, rules, regulations and contractual provisions. Additionally the school has not met any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes related to Financial Emergency.

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 third amendment to the contract with International Studies Charter High School, Inc., on behalf of International Studies Charter High School to: (1) permanently locate at 2480 SW Eighth Street, Miami, Florida 33135; and (2) to delete the campuses located at 396 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida 33134; University of Miami Koubek Center, 2705 SW Third Street, Miami, Florida 33135; and 450 SW Fourth Street, Miami, Florida 33130 in conjunction with City of Miami's Jose Marti Park, Classroom Annex, 351 SW Fourth Street, Miami, Florida 33130 (adjacent facilities), effective January 2009 and ending on June 30, 2013.

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