

January 28, 2009

Carmen B. Marinelli, Regional Center Superintendent  
District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH TREE OF KNOWLEDGE LEARNING ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF TREE OF KNOWLEDGE LEARNING 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 Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy, Inc., on behalf of Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy (TOKLA) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (The School Board), on April 16, 2008, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year. Subsequent action was granted by The School Board, on August 4, 2008, to add three additional campuses, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year.

TOKLA is currently located at the Holtz Children's Hospital and Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital, both located at 1611 NW 12 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136, and at the Ronald McDonald House of Miami, located at 1145 NW 14 Terrace, Miami, Florida 33136. TOKLA provides home/hospital-based and center-based education to approximately 51 highly at-risk and special education students in kindergarten through grade twelve. TOKLA has requested a second amendment to add a permanent location at 7902 Carlyle Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida 33141, effective immediately.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on February 3, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy, Inc., on behalf of Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy.

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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 Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy, Inc., on behalf of Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy to add a permanent location at 7902 Carlyle Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida 33141, effective immediately.

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