

MEMORANDUM

March 20, 2009

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools *AMC*

SUBJECT: **WITHDRAWAL OF AGENDA ITEM C-40
REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF
MATER ACADEMY**

COMMITTEE: **INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

The attached agenda item C-40, Request School Board Approval of the Second Amendment to the Charter School Contractual Agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy, is being withdrawn from the March 25, 2009 School Board Meeting Agenda. The charter school is requesting that the item be withdrawn from consideration due to facilities issues.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent, District/School Operations, at 305-995-4252.

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cc: School Board Attorney
Superintendent's Cabinet

Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent
District/School Operations

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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 was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board), on May 12, 1998, for a term of three years, commencing with the 1998-1999 school year. Subsequent actions were granted by the School Board, to reduce the grade levels and to renew the charter school contractual agreement for a term of fifteen years, commencing with the 2003-2004 school year, and ending June 30, 2018.

Mater Academy is currently located at 7700 NW 98 Street, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016 and serves approximately 697 students in kindergarten through grade five. Mater Academy has requested a second amendment to its contract to add a facility located at 1550 West 60 Street, Hialeah, Florida 33012.

Mater Academy 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
2002-2003	A	Not Met
2003-2004	A	Met
2004-2005	A	Met
2005-2006	A	Met
2006-2007	A	Met
2007-2008	A	Met

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Mater Academy'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.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 17, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy.

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 to add a campus located at 1550 West 60 Street, Hialeah, Florida 33012, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.

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