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District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement, between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

On November 18, 2008, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board) approved a charter school application submitted for International Studies Charter Middle School (International Middle) and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten years.

International Middle will be located at 2480 SW Eighth Street, Miami, Florida 33135 and will serve a maximum of 450 students in grades six through eight through a bilingual and multicultural academic program focusing on studies in French, Italian and Spanish, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year. The term of the contract shall be for ten years, ending on June 30, 2019.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Mr. Jean-Michel Caffin, International Business Executive, International Trade Division of Bureau Veritas Group (Aeronautics & Space Division); Mr. Jose Antonio Fernandez Lopez, Administrator, Spanish Ministry of Education; Mr. Francisco Javier Usero Vilchez, Educator, Andalusian State Educational Administration; Ms. Patrizia Coco, Educator, Cypress Bay High School; Mr. Giampiero de Persia, Entrepreneur, Poltrona Frau; and Ms. Miriam Rodriguez, Parent Representative. This is the same governing board for International Studies Charter High School, which is currently in operation.

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 and can be forwarded directly to the School Board for consideration.

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Copies of 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 charter school contractual agreement with International Studies Charter High School, Inc., on behalf of International Studies Charter Middle School for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2019.

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