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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ROMANS SCHOOLS, INC., ON BEHALF OF ROMANS CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI**

**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 December 13, 2006, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board) approved a charter school application submitted for Romans Charter School and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten years, commencing the 2007-2008 school year. However, pursuant to Section 7(f)(iv) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools (K-12) (2005), the charter school requested to extend contract negotiations and defer the opening of school until the 2008-2009 school year due to difficulties in obtaining a feasible facility. Furthermore, subsequent to approval, the school requested to change its name to Romans Charter School of Miami (Romans of Miami).

Romans of Miami will be located at 10205 W Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33174, and will serve a maximum of 536 students in kindergarten through grade five. However, in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year, Romans will serve a maximum of 354 students. The term of the contract shall be for ten years, ending on June 30, 2016, as a deferral to open was granted for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Mr. Pedro J. Martinez-Fraga, Jr., Attorney; Mr. Jorge J. Arrasia, Insurance Executive; Ms. Maria Rodriguez, Educator; Mr. Pedro J. Martinez-Fraga, Sr., Communication Consultant; Ms. Maritza Aragon, Educator; Mr. Luis Casas, Business and Marketing Executive; and Mr. Mario Hernandez-Fumero, Broker.

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.

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 Romans Schools, Inc., on behalf of Romans Charter School of Miami for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2017.

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