

Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent
District/School Operations

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

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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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 Miami Advantage Academy (Miami Advantage) and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years, commencing the 2009-2010 school year. However, pursuant to Section 7(f) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), the charter school requested to extend contract negotiations and defer the opening of school until the 2010-2011 school year due to difficulties in obtaining a feasible facility.

Miami Advantage will be located at 11200 SW 226 Street, Miami, Florida 33170, and will serve a maximum of 982 students in kindergarten through grade eight through an academic program focusing on mathematics and science, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year. The term of the contract shall be for five years, ending on June 30, 2014, as a deferral to open will be granted for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Mr. Nathaniel Grasch, Construction Finance Specialist, JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA; Ms. Bassema Iskandarani, Vice President and Banking Center Manager, Bank of America, NA; and Ms. Helena del Monte, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Association for the Development of the Exceptional, Inc.

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 Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Miami Advantage Academy for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and ending on June 30, 2014.

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