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District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH LINCOLN-MARTI CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC., ON BEHALF OF LINCOLN-MARTI CHARTER SCHOOLS - LITTLE HAVANA CAMPUS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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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 January 14, 2009, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approved a charter school application submitted for Lincoln-Marti Charter Schools - East Little Havana Campus and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a maximum 800 students in kindergarten through grade eight, for a term of ten years commencing the 2009-2010 school year. Furthermore, subsequent to approval, the school requested to change its name to Lincoln-Marti Charter Schools – Little Havana Campus (Lincoln - Havana).

Lincoln - Havana will be located at 970-984 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130, and will serve a maximum of 900 students in kindergarten through grade eight, with a maximum of 800 students in kindergarten through grade eight in its first year of operation, 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 these charter schools is comprised of the following members: Martin Añorga, Retired Presbyterian Minister/Pastor, La Progresiva Presbyterian School; Cruz Rodriguez, Manager, Cruz R. Rodriguez General Contractor, LLC; and Gil Beltran, Owner, D. M. Marketing.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on March 20, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Lincoln-Marti Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Lincoln-Marti Charter Schools – Little Havana Campus.

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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 Lincoln-Marti Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Lincoln-Marti Charter Schools - Little Havana Campus for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2019.

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