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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI ARTS, INC., ON BEHALF OF MIAMI ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**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 Miami Arts, Inc., on behalf of Miami Arts Charter School (Miami Arts) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 25, 2009, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2014.

Miami Arts will be located at 3900 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137 (former Channel 10 facility) and will serve a maximum of 700 students in grades six through twelve, specializing in performing arts, visual arts and creative writing. Miami Arts has requested a first amendment to its contract to increase its student enrollment from 700 students to a maximum of 800 students, commencing the second year of operation, the 2010-2011 school year, and throughout the term of the agreement.

The charter school is scheduled to open August 2009; therefore, neither academic nor financial information is available at this time.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on March 31, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Miami Arts, Inc., on behalf of Miami Arts Charter School.

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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 first amendment to the contract with Miami Arts, Inc., on behalf of Miami Arts Charter School to increase student enrollment from 700 students to 800 students, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and ending on June 18, 2014.

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