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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRATED SCIENCE AND ASIAN CULTURE ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF INTEGRATED SCIENCE AND ASIAN CULTURE ACADEMY**

**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 Integrated Science And Asian Culture Academy, Inc., on behalf of Integrated Science And Asian Culture Academy (ISAAC) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 18, 2008, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2008-2009 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 2009-2010 school year due to difficulties in obtaining a feasible facility.

ISAAC proposed to open at a facility located at 2450 NW 97 Avenue, Doral, Florida 33172; however, ISAAC has requested a first amendment to its contractual agreement to change the school's location from 2450 NW 97 Avenue, Doral, Florida 33172 to a temporary facility located at 5876 SW 68 Street, South Miami, Florida 33143 until such time that a permanent facility has been identified. The requested site is the same sites for the Somerset Academy Elementary School – South Miami Campus and Somerset Academy Middle School – South Miami Campus, scheduled to open for its initial year of operation in August 2009. ISAAC will be authorized to serve a maximum of 900 students in kindergarten through grade eight, specializing in Science, Math and Asian Culture, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year; however, actual enrollment will be limited to the constraints and/or restrictions imposed by the official facility capacity.

Additionally, as this school is not yet eligible for a ten year term until obtaining the determination by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, the term of the contract shall also be amended from ten years to five years, ending on June 30, 2013, as a deferral to open was granted for the 2008-2009 school year.

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The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Dr. Hui Fang Huang (Angie) Su, Professor, Nova Southeastern University; Dr. Judith S. Stein, Director of the National Institute for Educational Options, Nova Southeastern University; Dr. Jim C. Han, Professor, Florida Atlantic University; Dr. Yan Yong, Professor, Florida Atlantic University; and Ms. Mary Kemp, Former Educator.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on April 28, 2009, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Integrated Science And Asian Culture Academy, Inc., on behalf of Integrated Science And Asian Culture Academy.

Copies of the amendment to 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 charter school contractual agreement with Integrated Science And Asian Culture Academy, Inc., on behalf of Integrated Science And Asian Culture Academy for:

- (1) a term of five years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2013; and
- (2) to change the school's location from 2450 NW 97 Avenue, Doral, Florida 33172 to 5876 SW 68 Street, South Miami, Florida 33143 until such time that a permanent facility has been obtained.

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