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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON 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 Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School (Gibson) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board), on June 19, 2002, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year and ending June 30, 2012. Subsequent actions were approved by the School Board to allow the school to defer its initial opening, operate from a temporary facility while a permanent facility is under construction, increase its enrollment capacity and grade levels, and add two permanent campuses.

Gibson is currently operating at 450 SW Fourth Street, Miami, Florida 33130, where Mater East Academy Charter School is also located. The campus at 3634 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133 has never been utilized and remains an inactive approved site as it is still slated for construction as a permanent facility. Although approved to serve students in kindergarten through grade eight, Gibson currently serves approximately 30 students in grade six.

Gibson has requested a sixth amendment to its contractual agreement to add an additional campus located at 1698 NW Fourth Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136. This proposed additional campus is the former site of Saint Francis Xavier, a catholic private school owned by the Archdiocese of Miami scheduled for closure.

Gibson is not eligible to receive a grade under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09981, all schools must serve at least 30 students per grade level with valid FCAT scores in reading and math in both the current year and the previous year to receive school grades.

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Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, its academic performance is as follows:

School Year	School Grade	AYP
2003-2004	N/A	Not Met
2004-2005	N/A	Not Met
2005-2006	N/A	Not Met
2006-2007	N/A	Not Met
2007-2008	N/A	Met

Gibson's financial audit revealed no inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, fraud and/or violations of laws, rules, regulations and contractual provisions. Additionally the school has not met any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes related to Financial Emergency.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on April 28, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the sixth amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School.

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 sixth amendment to the contract with Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School to add an additional campus located at 1698 SW Fourth Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136, commencing in the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2012.

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