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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST
 AMENDMENT TO THE RENEWAL CHARTER SCHOOL
 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR
 INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGIES MIAMI-DADE,
 INC., ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS &
 TECHNOLOGIES**

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 Florida School for Integrated Academics and Technologies Miami-Dade, Inc., on behalf of School for Integrated Academics & Technologies (SIATech), was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board), on March 12, 2003, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2003-2004 school year. Subsequent actions were approved by the School Board to defer the opening of the charter school, to increase the grade levels and renew the charter school contractual agreement for fifteen years, commencing with 2008-2009 school year.

SIATech currently operates two campuses located at Miami Job Corps Center, 3050 N.W. 183 Street, Miami Gardens, Florida 33056, and Homestead Job Corps Center, 12350 S.W. 285 Street, Homestead, Florida 33033. SIATech currently serves approximately 331 students in grades ten through twelve. SIATech has requested a first amendment to its renewal contractual agreement to add an additional campus located at 22025 S.W. 87 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33190.

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09981, as a dropout recovery program, SIATech has the option to receive a school grade under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability. SIA Tech has chosen not to receive a traditional school grade for 2008-2009 school year.

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

School Year	School Grade	AYP
2007-2008	N/A	Not Met

SIATech'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. SIATech's audited financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, revealed that the charter school was in solid financial health.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on May 27, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the renewal charter school contractual agreement with Florida School for Integrated Academics and Technologies Miami-Dade, Inc., on behalf of School for Integrated Academics & Technologies.

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 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the first amendment to the renewal contract with Florida School for Integrated Academics and Technologies Miami-Dade, Inc., on behalf of School for Integrated Academics & Technologies (SIATech), to add an additional campus located at 22025 S.W. 87 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33190, commencing in the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2023.

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