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

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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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 Romans Schools, Inc., on behalf of Romans Charter School of Miami (Romans of Miami) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 25, 2009, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year.

Romans of Miami has requested a first amendment to its contractual agreement to change the school's location from 10205 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33174 to a facility located at 3490 N.W. 191 Street, Miami Gardens, Florida 33056. This proposed location is the former site of Saint Monica Catholic School, a catholic private school owned by the Archdiocese of Miami scheduled for closure. This same site has been identified by another charter school: Excelsior Charter Academy, a newly approved kindergarten through grade eight school scheduled to open August 2009 (approved on June 17, 2009). Romans of Miami will serve a maximum of 536 students in kindergarten through grade five. However, in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year, Romans of Miami will serve a maximum of 354 students. The term of the contract shall be for ten years, ending on June 30, 2017, as a deferral to open was granted for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years. 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 June 22, 2009, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Romans Schools, Inc., on behalf of Romans Charter School of Miami.

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 charter school contractual agreement with Romans Schools, Inc., on behalf of Romans Charter School of Miami to change the school's location from 10205 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33174 to a facility located at 3490 N.W. 191 Street, Miami Gardens, Florida 33056, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2017.

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