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District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LIFE SKILLS CENTER DADE-COUNTY, INC., ON BEHALF OF LIFE SKILLS CENTER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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 Life Skills Center Dade-County, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center Miami-Dade County (LSC Miami-Dade) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board) on June 15, 2005, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year.

LSC Miami-Dade is currently located at 3555 N.W. Seventh Street, Miami, Florida 33127. LSC Miami-Dade serves approximately 192 students in grades nine through twelve. As the school is undergoing the possibility of construction a new facility, for construction financing and permitting, LSC Miami-Dade has requested a first amendment to its contract to add an additional permanent facility located at 7900 N.W. 27 Avenue, Suite #F-20, Miami, Florida 33147 to this contract. LSC Miami-Dade will remain at their current site until such permanent facility is available.

LSC Miami-Dade is not eligible to be graded under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability as it meets the definition of an alternative school and has elected not to receive a school grade but instead receive a school improvement rating, pursuant to section 1008.341, Florida Statutes. Its most recent financial audit revealed no significant audit findings.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on September 25, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Life Skills Center Dade County, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center Miami-Dade County.

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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 contract with Life Skills Center Dade-County, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center Miami-Dade County to add a permanent facility located at 7900 N.W. 27 Avenue, Suite #F-20, Miami, Florida 33147, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year, and ending on June 30, 2010.

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