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District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR FLORIDA CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF FRANKLIN ACADEMY - A, AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community.

On December 2, 2009, M-DCPS' Charter School District Review Committee met to review the application for Franklin Academy - A and, by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the application to the Superintendent of Schools.

The charter school proposes to serve a maximum of 1,340 students in Kindergarten through grade eight in a single gender, co-educational setting, with a maximum of 750 students in Kindergarten through grade six in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year.

Following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Dr. David L. Thomas, Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery, Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine; Mr. Terry Maus, Consultant; and Mr. Mark Grimmel, Insurance Agent and President of Egis Insurance & Risk Advisors.

The charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

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Copies of the application 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:

1. approve the application for Florida Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Franklin Academy - A; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2010-2011 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract, which ends on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.

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