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District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI GARDENS, AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT 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 is scheduled to review the application for Renaissance Charter School of Miami Gardens (Renaissance Miami Gardens). The resulting recommendation is forthcoming.

The charter school proposes to serve a maximum of 860 students in Kindergarten through grade eight, with a maximum of 641 students in Kindergarten through grade seven 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: Mr. Ken Haiko, Chairman and President; Mr. Dennis P. Clark, Vice President; Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Treasurer; and Ms. Clarence McKee, Secretary. This is the same governing board for Renaissance Elementary Charter School and Renaissance Middle Charter School, which are currently in operation. As well as these schools, Renaissance Miami Gardens will also be managed by Charter Schools USA.

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 Renaissance Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Renaissance Charter School of Miami Gardens; 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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