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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION AND ONE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **AUTHORIZATION**

1002.33, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, authorize the establishment of charter schools in Florida. As provided in Section 1002.33(6), F.S., and School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) receives and reviews charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community. Pursuant to Section 1002.33(6)(b)(3.), F.S., a sponsor must approve or deny an application no later than 60 calendar days after the application is received unless the applicants have agreed in writing to extend the statutory timeline.

### **EVALUATION**

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools, the District reviews the applications using an evaluation instrument developed by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and may include additional information or documents requested by the District. The Standard Model Application includes 19 standards of evaluation, certification and assurances declarations.

The Superintendent has appointed two committees with the responsibility to review and evaluate charter school applications: Technical Review Committee (TRC) and Application Review Committee (ARC). These committees are comprised of representatives from various District departments and are charged with identifying deficiencies in the written application and/or areas that require clarification to fully evaluate the quality of the application or the capacity of the applicant to properly implement the proposed plan.

### **APPLICATION**

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools, one charter school application is being presented for final consideration by the School Board. Detailed in the following chart is a summary of the charter school application and the corresponding committee recommendation.

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New Application							
(1)/(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(11)	
Name of School	Legal Entity	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Founding Board Members	Committee Recommendation	DISTRICT IMPACT
	School Location(s)	Initial/ Exp.	Initial Year	Maximum Capacity		Theme	Revenue (\$) & Teacher Positions
The SEED (Public Charter) School of Miami ESP: N/A	The SEED School of Miami, Inc.	5 years	6	80	Founding Board Members: Eric S. Adler, Co-Founder and Managing Director, The SEED Foundation; Manuel D. Medina, Chairman & CEO, Medina Capital Partners; Melanie Damian, Partner, Damian & Valori, LLP; Patrick F. Gannon, Principal, Kaufman, Rossin & Co., CPAs; Aviva D. Budd, Retired; and Lisa S. Walsh, Circuit Court Judge.	Approval of a new application.	\$356,947 (3 positions)
	N/A	2013/2018	6-12	400		College Prep Boarding	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE (\$):</b>							<b>\$356,947</b>
<b>TOTAL TEACHER POSITIONS:</b>							<b>3</b>

Legend: (1) Name of the charter school; (2) Educational Service Provider, if applicable; (3) CRC date and vote, if applicable; (4) Legal Entity; (5) school location(s), if applicable; (6) term of the charter, initial year or current year and year of expiration; (7) grade levels and enrollment, initial year or current year and at maximum capacity; (8) Founding Board members; (9) Committee Recommendation and Theme; (10) special provisions to the contract or requested action(s); and Theme; and (11) Loss of Revenue based on 95% of FEFP and 75% of the initial year's enrollment projection and loss in Teacher Positions resulting from reduction in FTE based on average class size requirements.

### **NEW CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, stipulates that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement, between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input. Additionally, 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.

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met to review the charter school contractual agreement delineated below and made recommendations for approval to the Superintendent of Schools.

New Contractual Agreement						
(1)/(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(10)	(11)
Name of School	Legal Entity	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	DISTRICT IMPACT
	School Location(s)	Initial/Exp.	Initial Year	Maximum Capacity		Revenue (\$) & Teacher Positions
<b>Alpha Charter of Excellence (ACE)</b> <b>ESP: N/A</b>  <i>CRC meeting date: March 28, 2012. By a unanimous vote, the CRC made a recommendation of approval.</i>	Alpha Charter of Excellence, Inc.	5 years	K-4	296	None	\$1,320,702 (12 positions)
	TBD	2012/2017	K-5	608		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE (\$):</b>						<b>\$1,320,702</b>
<b>TOTAL TEACHER POSITIONS:</b>						<b>12</b>

**Initial Year Loss:** The revenue and teaching positions indicated as “Initial Year Loss,” provide an estimate of the potential impact to the District’s General Fund (\$1,677,649) and instructional staffing (15 positions). The loss of revenue describes 95% of FEFP funds per student, based on 75% of the initial year’s enrollment projection, which will not be realized by the District for the current fiscal year. The loss in teaching positions, based on average class size requirements, reflects the possible reduction in basic teaching positions resulting from the anticipated decrease in students.

Copies of the charter school application and the 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:

1. The charter school application and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the application as approved by the School Board for The SEED School of Miami, Inc., on behalf of The SEED (Public Charter) School of Miami; and
2. The contractual agreement with Alpha Charter of Excellence, Inc., on behalf of Alpha Charter of Excellence (ACE) for a term of five years, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2017.

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