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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF FOUR RENEWALS  
TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

**RENEWALS TO THE 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. Additionally, s. 1002.331(3) , Florida Statutes, High-performing Charter Schools, authorizes a high-performing school, designated by the Commissioner of Education, to (a) increase its student enrollment once per school year by up to 15 percent more than the capacity identified in the charter; (b) expand grade levels within kindergarten through grade 12 to add grade levels not already served; (c) submit a quarterly, rather than a monthly, financial statement to the sponsor pursuant to s. 1002.33(9)(g); (d) consolidate under a single charter the charters of multiple high-performing charter schools operated in the same school district by the charter schools' governing board regardless of the renewal cycle; and (e) receive a modification of its charter to a term of 15 years or a 15-year charter renewal.

Pursuant to s. 1002.33 (7)(b), Florida Statutes, and School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, these schools have undergone a program review by Staff and the M-DCPS Application Review Committee to determine the following: (a) the level of success of the current academic program; (b) achievement of the goals and objectives required by state accountability standards and successful accomplishment of the criteria under s. 1002.33(7)(a), Florida Statutes; (c) the viability of the organization; (d) compliance with the terms of the contract; and (e) that none of the statutory grounds for nonrenewal exists. Subsequently, the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met to review the renewals to the charter school contractual agreements delineated below and made the following recommendations to the Superintendent of Schools.

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| <b>Renewals</b>  |   |               |                  |                         |   |                        |                                  |  |  |
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| (1)/(2)(3)   | (4)(5)  | (6)           | (7)              |                         | (8)   | (9)                    | (10)                             |  |  |
| Name of School   | School Location(s)                                  | Term          | Grade Levels     | Enrollment Current Year | Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)   | 2010-2011 School Grade | DISTRICT IMPACT                  |  |  |
|  | Feeder Pattern                                      | Initial/ Exp. | Maximum Capacity |                         |   | AYP                    | Revenue (\$) & Teacher Positions |  |  |
| <b>Downtown Miami Charter School</b><br>ESP: Charter Schools USA<br><br><i>CRC meeting date: April 27, 2012. By a unanimous vote, the CRC made a recommendation of approval.</i> | 305 N.W. Third Avenue Miami, Florida 33128          | 5 years       | K-6              | 634                     | Approval of the first renewal to the contractual agreement.   | B                      | \$2,902,539 (25 positions)       |  |  |
|  | Booker T. Washington Senior High                    | 2012/ 2017    | K-6              | 650                     |   | Not Met                |                                  |  |  |
| <b>Excelsior Charter Academy</b><br>ESP: N/A<br><br>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.  | 3490 N.W. 191 Street Miami Gardens, Florida 33056   | 5 years       | K-8              | 189                     | Approval of the first renewal to the contractual agreement.   | B                      | \$844,773 (8 positions)          |  |  |
|  | Miami Carol City Senior High                        | 2012/ 2017    | K-8              | 450                     |   | Not Met                |                                  |  |  |
| <b>Keys Gate Charter School</b><br>ESP: Charter Schools USA<br><br><i>CRC meeting date: April 27, 2012. By a unanimous vote, the CRC made a recommendation of approval.</i>      | 2000 S.E. 28 Avenue Homestead, Florida 33035        | 15 years      | K-8              | 1,902                   | Approval of the first renewal to the contractual agreement. This school has been designated as a High Performing School and is authorized for a 15 year term. | B                      | \$8,857,910 (72 positions)       |  |  |
|  | Homestead Senior High                               |               |                  |                         |   | 2012/ 2027             |                                  |  |  |
|  | 2325 & 2355 S.E. 28 Avenue Homestead, Florida 33035 |               |                  |                         |   |                        |                                  |  |  |
| <b>Summerville Advantage Academy</b><br>ESP: N/A<br><br><i>CRC meeting date: April 27, 2012. By a unanimous vote, the CRC made a recommendation of approval.</i>                 | 11575 S.W. 243 Street Homestead, Florida 33032      | 15 years      | K-8              | 477                     | Approval of the first renewal to the contractual agreement.   | A                      | \$2,163,597 (19 positions)       |  |  |
|  | Homestead Senior High                               | 2012/ 2027    | K-8              | 750                     | This school has been designated as a High Performing School and is authorized for a 15 year term.   | Not Met                |                                  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE (\$):</b>   |   |               |                  |                         |   |                        | <b>\$14,768,819</b>              |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL TEACHER POSITIONS:</b>  |   |               |                  |                         |   |                        | <b>124</b>                       |  |  |

*Legend: (1) Name of the charter school; (2) Educational Service Provider, if applicable; (3) CRC date and vote, if applicable; (4) School Location(s); (5) Feeder Pattern; (6) term of the charter, initial year or current year and year of expiration; (7) grade levels and enrollment, current year and at maximum capacity; (8) special provisions to the contract or requested action(s); (9) 2010-2011 School Grade and AYP; and (10) 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.*

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 (\$14,768,819) and instructional staffing (124 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 renewal applications and the contractual agreements 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 first renewal to the contractual agreement with The Downtown Miami Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Miami Charter School for a term of five years, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2017;
2. The first renewal to the contractual agreement with Excelsior Academies, Inc., on behalf of Excelsior Charter Academy for a term of five years, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2017;
3. The first renewal to the contractual agreement with The Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Keys Gate Charter School for a term of fifteen years, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2027; and
4. The first renewal to the contractual agreement with Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Summerville Advantage Academy for a term of fifteen years, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2027.

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