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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AND NINE RENEWED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS

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COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

AUTHORIZATION

Section 1002.33, F.S., authorizes 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. On August 1, 2012, the School Board received 57 applications to operate a charter school in Miami-Dade County. 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.

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NEW CHARTER CONTRACT

Section 1002.33(7), F. S., states that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contract between the charter school and the School Board following a public meeting.

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) reviewed and negotiated one new charter school contract and made the following recommendation to the Superintendent.

	Type of Contract	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	5-Year Charter/ & Share Temporary Facility*	Pinecrest Palms Academy	Pinecrest Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment B

*The approved application related to this contract was approved in the 2012 Application Cohort.

CONTRACT RENEWALS

Section 1002.33(7)(c), F. S. provides that a charter contract may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term. Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) reviewed nine contract amendments and made recommendations to the Superintendent as follows.

	Type of Amendment/ Renewal	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
RENEWAL(S)					
1.	15-year Renewal	City of Hialeah Educational Academy - <i>Municipal Charter School</i>	The City of Hialeah, Florida	Approval	Attachment B
2.	15-year Renewal	Doral Academy Charter Middle School - <i>High Performing Charter School**</i>	Doral Academy, Inc.		
3.	5-year Renewal	Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah	Excelsior Academies, Inc.		
4.	5-year Renewal	Integrated Science And Asian Culture (ISAAC) Academy	Integrated Science & Asian Culture, Inc.		
5.	15-year Renewal	Mater Academy Charter Middle School - <i>High Performing Charter School**</i>	Mater Academy, Inc.		
6.	5-year Renewal	Miami Children's Museum Charter School	Miami Children's Museum Charter School, Inc.		
7.	15-year Renewal	Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter Middle School - <i>High Performing Charter School**</i>	Pinecrest Academy, Inc.		
8.	5-year Renewal/ Relocation & Enrollment	Richard Allen Leadership Academy	Mount Hermon Community Educational Corporation		
9.	15-year Renewal	Somerset Academy - <i>High Performing Charter School**</i>	Somerset Academy, Inc.		

***Pursuant to s. 1002.33, "high performing" is a designation made by the Commissioner of Education for certain charter schools that allows them to increase enrollment, expand grade levels, submit quarterly rather than monthly financial reports, consolidate multiple charters, and/or modify charter term to 15 years.*

Any significant increase in charter school student enrollment (Charter FTE) directly impacts the District's operating budget as well as instructional and non-instructional staffing levels. Some of the charter school contracts in this Board item represent an increase in overall charter school enrollment. To ensure that the District's financial position remains positive, Board authorization is requested to allow a Reduction-in-Force/Layoff only if it becomes necessary. Any such Reduction-in-Force/Layoff affecting instructional and non-instructional staff would be implemented in accordance with School Board policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements. The number of position reductions will not exceed the stated Initial Loss included in this item and will be re-evaluated and adjusted in subsequent years to reflect changes in FTE. The impact caused by each contract is provided in Attachment B.

District Impact	2013-14 SY Initial Loss		2013-14 SY Initial Loss - Human Capital		
	Total FEFP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non- Instructional Positions
			Core ¹	Non-Core ²	
New Contract	\$84,910	18	1	0	0
Renewals	\$0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INTIAL LOSS:	\$84,910	18	1	0	0

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Copies of the contracts and renewal documents have been 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.

¹ Core includes: elementary education, language arts/reading, mathematics, science, and social science.
² Non-Core includes: electives and all other subject areas and programs.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

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2. Approve one new charter contract with Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Palms Academy, (1) for a term of five years; and (2) share a temporary facility with Pinecrest Academy (South Campus) not to exceed two school years, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2017, as a deferral to open was granted.
3. Approve nine renewed charter contracts with:
 - a. The City of Hialeah, Florida, on behalf of City of Hialeah Educational Academy, for a term of 15 years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028;
 - b. Doral Academy, Inc., on behalf of Doral Academy Charter Middle School, for a term of 15 years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028;
 - c. Excelsior Academies, Inc., on behalf of Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah, for a term of five years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018;
 - d. Integrated Science & Asian Culture, Inc., on behalf of Integrated Science And Asian Culture (ISAAC) Academy, for a term of five years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018;
 - e. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Charter Middle School, for a term of 15 years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028;
 - f. Miami Children's Museum Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Miami Children's Museum Charter School, for a term of five years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018;
 - g. Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter Middle School, for a term of 15 years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028;
 - h. Mount Hermon Community Educational Corporation, on behalf of Richard Allen Leadership Academy, (1) for a term

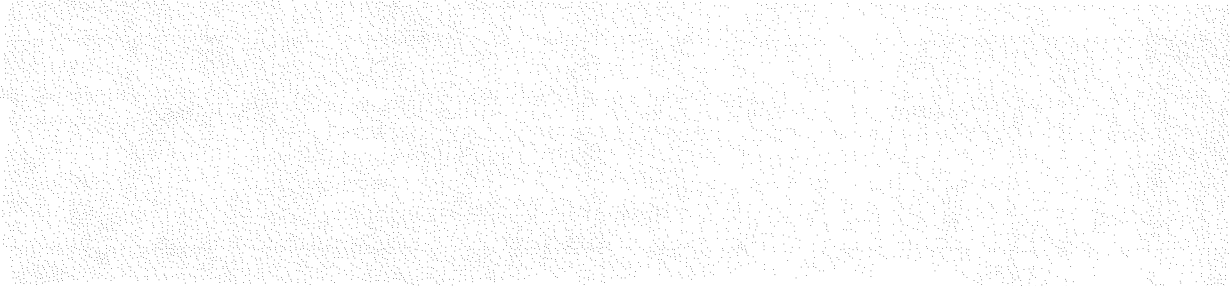
of five years commencing with the 2013-14 school year and ending on June 30, 2018; (2) to move to a facility located at 940 Caliph Street (a.k.a., 901 Salih Street), Opa-Locka, Florida 33054, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year; and (3) decrease maximum student enrollment capacity to: 2013-2015, 150 students; 2015-2016, 156 students; 2016-2017 Max. 200 students; and 2017-2018, 250 students; and

i. Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy, for a term of 15 years commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028.

4. Approve a Reduction-in-Force/Layoff as needed, only to the extent described in this item as Total Initial Loss, in accordance with School Board policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

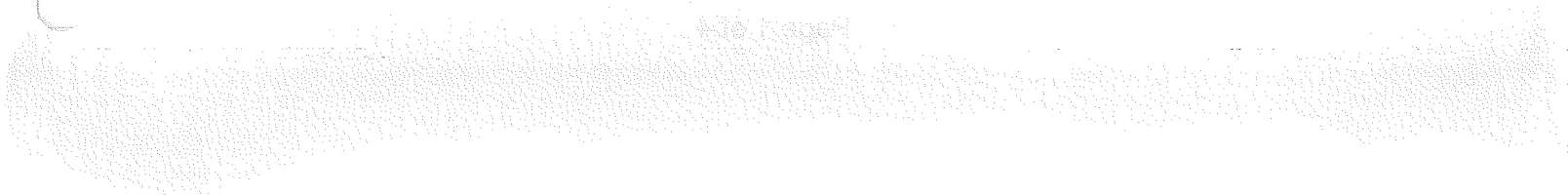
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Attachments

**School Board Agenda Item C-30
ATTACHMENT A**



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**School Board Agenda Item C-30
ATTACHMENT B**

NEW CONTRACT:

- Pinecrest Palms Academy

RENEWALS:

- City of Hialeah Educational Academy
- Doral Academy Charter Middle School
- Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah
- Integrated Science And Asian Culture (ISAAC) Academy
- Mater Academy Charter Middle School
- Miami Children's Museum Charter School
- Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter Middle School
- Richard Allen Leadership
- Somerset Academy

The M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) reviewed the ten charter school contracts below and recommended approval to the Superintendent.

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Name of School	School Location(s)	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	2012 School Grade/Rating	DISTRICT IMPACT 2013-14 SY		
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Initial Year				Revenue (\$)/ Positions		
			Maximum Capacity				Instr.	Non-Instr.	
NEW CONTRACT									
Pinecrest Palms Academy ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on May 14, 2013.</i>	15130 S.W. 80 Street Miami, Florida 33193 <i>(Temporary)</i>	5 years	K-1	18	Approval of contract for (1) a 5-year term, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2017, as a deferral to open was granted; and (2) share a temporary facility with Pinecrest Academy (South Campus) not to exceed two school years.	N/A	\$84,910		
	Felix Valera Senior High								
	Intersection of S.W. Eighth Street & S.W. 152 Avenue Miami, Florida 33184 <i>(Permanent)</i>	2012/2017	K-8	900			1	0	
	John A. Ferguson Senior High								

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Name of School	School Location(s)	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	2012 School Grade/ Rating	DISTRICT IMPACT 2013-14 SY		
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Current Year				Revenue (\$)/ Positions	Instr.	Non-Instr.
			Maximum Capacity						
RENEWALS									
City of Hialeah Educational Academy -Municipal Charter School ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	2590 W. 76 Street Hialeah, Florida 33016	15 years	6-12	448	Approval of a renewed contract for a 15-year term commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE		
	Barbara Goleman Senior High	2013/ 2028	6-12	800					
Doral Academy Charter Middle School -High Performing Charter School ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	2601 N.W. 112 Avenue Doral, Florida 33172	15 years	6-8	1,147	Approval of a renewed contract for a 15-year term commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE		
	Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High	2013/ 2028	6-8	1,438					
Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on May 22, 2013.</i>	600 W. 20 Street Hialeah, Florida 33010	5 years	K-8	551	Approval of a renewed contract for a 5-year term commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.	B	N/A – No increase in FTE		
	Westland Hialeah Senior High	2013/ 2018	K-8	910					
Integrated Science And Asian Culture (ISAAC) Academy ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on May 14, 2013.</i>	5876 S.W. 68 Street South Miami, Florida 33143	5 years	K-8	25	Approval of a renewed contract for a 5-year term, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.	NG	N/A – No increase in FTE		
	Coral Gables Senior High	2013/ 2018	K-8	900					
Mater Academy Charter Middle School -High Performing Charter School ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	7901 N.W. 103 Street Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016	15 years	6-8	1,429	Approval of a renewed contract for a 15-year term commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE		
	Hialeah Gardens Senior High	2013/ 2028	6-8	1,495					

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	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current Year				Revenue (\$)/Positions	Instr.
			Maximum Capacity					
Miami Children's Museum Charter School ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	980 McArthur Causeway Miami, Florida 33132	5 years	K-5	297	Approval of a renewed contract for a 5-year term commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018.	NG	N/A – No increase in FTE	
	Miami Beach Senior High	2013/2018	K-5	350				
Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter Middle School -High Performing Charter School ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	14901 S.W. 42 Street Miami, Florida 33185	5 years	6-8	690	Approval of a renewed contract for a 15-year term commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE	
	G. Holmes Braddock Senior High	2013/2018	6-8	800				
Richard Allen Leadership Academy ESP: N/A <i>CRC recommended approval on May 20, 2013.</i>	16001 Bunche Park Drive Miami Gardens, Florida 33054	5 years	K-5	72	Approval of a renewed contract for (1) a 5-year term; (2) to move to a facility located at 940 Caliph Street (a.k.a., 901 Salih Street), Opa-Locka, Florida 33054, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending with on June 30, 2018; and (3) decrease maximum student enrollment capacity to: (a) 2013-2015, 150 students; (b) 2015-2016, 156 students; (c) 2016-2017, 200 students; and (d) 2017-2018, 250 students.	D	N/A – No increase in FTE	
	Miami Norland Senior High	2013/2018	K-5	250				

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	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current Year				Revenue (\$)/ Positions	
			Maximum Capacity				Instr.	Non-Instr.
Somerset Academy <i>-High Performing Charter School</i> ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	18491 S.W. 134 Avenue Miami, Florida 33177	5 years	K-5	575	Approval of a renewed contract for a 15-year term commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2028.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE	
	Miami Southridge Senior High	2013/2018	K-5	700				
TOTAL REVENUE (\$):							\$84,910	
Total Instructional Positions:							1	
Total Non-Instructional Positions:							0	
TOTAL POSITIONS:							1	

Initial Year Loss: The revenue and positions indicated as "Initial Year Loss" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$84,910), instructional staffing (1 position), and non-instructional staffing (0 position). The loss of revenue is based on 95% of FEPF funds per student and 75% of the initial year enrollment projection that the District will not realize for the current fiscal year.

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