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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF TWO NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS AND NINE AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

NEW CHARTER CONTRACTS

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) negotiated two new charter school contracts 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/ Name Change*	Mater Academy South Campus	Mater Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	5-Year Virtual Charter	Mater Virtual Academy Charter Middle High School	Mater Academy, Inc.		

*The approved application related to this contract was approved in the 2011 Application Cohort.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

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) negotiated nine contract amendments and made recommendations to the Superintendent as follows.

	Type of Amendment	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
AMENDMENTS					
1.	Grade Configuration/ Name Change	Bridgepoint Academy	Bridgepoint Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	Name Change	Bridgepoint Academy Greater Miami			
3.	Name Change	Bridgepoint Academy Interamerican	Bridgepoint Academy,	Approval	Attachment A

	Type of Amendment	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
4.	Name Change	Bridgepoint Academy of Village Green	Inc.		
5.	Location/ Enrollment	Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah	Excelsior Academies, Inc.		
6.	Location	Lawrence Academy	Lawrence Academy, Inc.		
7.	Location	Lawrence Academy Senior High Charter School	Lawrence Academy, Inc.		
8.	Location	Somerset Gables Academy	Somerset Academy, Inc.		
9.	Location/ Enrollment	Youth Co-Op Charter School -High Performing Charter School*	Youth Co-Op, Inc.		

*Pursuant to s.1002.33, "high performing" is a designation made by the Commission of Education for certain charter schools that allows them to increase enrollment, expand grade levels, submit quarterly rather than monthly financial reports, consolidate 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 A.

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 Contracts	\$3,611,490	581	30	9	24
Amendments	\$909,750	150	8	2	6
TOTAL INITIAL LOSS:	\$4,521,240	731	38	11	30

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.

Copies of the contracts and amendment 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.

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

1. Approve two new charter contracts with:
 - a. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy South Campus, (i.) for a term of five years; and (ii.) change the School's name to iMater Academy, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2017, as a deferral to open was granted; and
 - b. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Virtual Academy Charter Middle High School, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year and ending on June 30, 2018;
2. Approve nine amended charter contracts with:
 - a. Bridgepoint Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridgepoint Academy, to: (i.) change the legal entity's name to BridgePrep Academy, Inc.; (ii.) change the School's name to BridgePrep Academy South; and (iii.) add grade levels six through eight, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year;
 - b. Bridgepoint Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridgepoint Academy Greater Miami, to: (i.) change the legal entity's name to BridgePrep Academy, Inc.; and (ii.) change the School's name to BridgePrep Academy of Greater Miami, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year;
 - c. Bridgepoint Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridgepoint Academy Interamerican, to: (i.) change the legal entity's name to BridgePrep Academy, Inc.; and (ii.) change the School's name to BridgePrep Academy Interamerican Campus, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year;
 - d. Bridgepoint Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridgepoint Academy of Village Green, to: (i.) change the legal entity's name to BridgePrep Academy, Inc.; and (ii.) change the School's name to BridgePrep Academy of Village Green, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year;

- e. Excelsior Academies, Inc., on behalf of Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah, to move to a facility located at 369 East 10th Street, Hialeah, Florida 33010; and (ii.) decrease the student enrollment from 910 students to a maximum of 390 students, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year;
 - f. Lawrence Academy, Inc., on behalf of Lawrence Academy, to move to a facility located at 530 S.W. First Street, Florida City, Florida 33034, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year;
 - g. Lawrence Academy, Inc., on behalf of Lawrence Academy Senior High Charter School, to move to a facility located at 530 S.W. First Street, Florida City, Florida 33034, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year;
 - h. Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Gables Academy, to: (i.) delete the second campus located at 950 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33134; and (ii.) replace with a campus located at 5859 S.W. 16th Street, Miami, Florida 33155, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year; and
 - i. Youth Co-Op, Inc., on behalf of Youth Co-Op Charter School, to: (i.) permanently conduct operations from the facility located at 7700 W. 20th Avenue, Hialeah, Florida 33016; (ii.) delete from the contract the facility located at 12051 West Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33018; and (iii.) increase enrollment from 650 students to maximum of 850 students, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.
3. 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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Attachment

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

NEW CONTRACTS:

- Mater Academy South Campus
- Mater Virtual Academy Charter Middle High School

AMENDMENTS:

- Bridgepoint Academy
- Bridgepoint Academy Greater Miami
- Bridgepoint Academy Interamerican
- Bridgepoint Academy of Village Green
- Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah
- Lawrence Academy
- Lawrence Academy Senior High Charter School
- Somerset Gables Academy
- Youth Co-Op Charter School

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

(1)(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(8)	(9)	(10)	
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.	Maximum Capacity				Revenue (\$)/Positions	Instr.
NEW CONTRACTS								
Mater Academy South Campus ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on June 27, 2013.</i>	600 W. 20 Street Hialeah, Florida 33010	5 years	K-8	700	Approval of: (i.) a 5-year charter school contract commencing with the 2012-2013 school year, as a deferral was granted for one year; and (ii.) change the school's name to iMater Academy.	N/A	\$3,271,850	
	Westland Hialeah Senior High	2012/2017	K-8	900			35	21
Mater Virtual Academy Charter Middle High School ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on June 25, 2013.</i>	7901 N.W. 103 Street Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016	5 years	6-11	75	Approval of a 5-year charter school contract commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	N/A	\$339,640	
	Hialeah Gardens Senior High	2013/2018	6-12	500			4	3

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Name of School	School Location(s)	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment Current Year	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	2012 School Grade/ Rating	DISTRICT IMPACT 2013-2014 SY Revenue (\$)/ Positions Instr. Non-Instr.
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Maximum Capacity				
AMENDMENTS							
Bridgepoint Academy ESP: S.M.A.R.T. Management LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2013.</i>	10700 S.W. 56 Street Miami, Florida 33165	5 years	K-5	308	Approval of the first amendment to the contract to: (i.) change the legal entity's name to BridgePrep Academy, Inc.; (ii.) change the School's name to BridgePrep Academy South; and (iii.) add grade levels six through eight, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE
	Southwest Miami Senior High	2010/2015	K-5	550			
Bridgepoint Academy Greater Miami ESP: S.M.A.R.T. Management LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2013.</i>	137 N.E. 19 Street Miami, Florida 33132	5 years	K-5	271	Approval of the first amendment to the contract to: (i.) change the legal entity's name to BridgePrep Academy, Inc.; and (ii.) change the School's name to BridgePrep Academy of Greater Miami, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	NG	N/A – No increase in FTE
	Booker T. Washington Senior High	2010/2015	K-5	550			

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	Feeder Pattern	Initial Exp.	Current Year	Maximum Capacity			
Bridgepoint Academy Interamerican ESP: S.M.A.R.T. Management LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2013.</i>	621 Beacom Boulevard Miami, Florida 33135	5 years	K-8	174	Approval of the first amendment to the contract to: (i.) change the legal entity's name to BridgePrep Academy, Inc.; and (ii.) change the School's name to BridgePrep Academy Interamerican Campus, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	NG	N/A – No increase in FTE
	Miami Senior High	2012/2017	K-8	255			
Bridgepoint Academy of Village Green ESP: S.M.A.R.T. Management LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on June 24, 2013.</i>	4707 S.W. 127 Avenue Miami, Florida 33175	5 years	K-8	170	Approval of the first amendment to the contract to: (i.) change the legal entity's name to BridgePrep Academy, Inc.; and (ii.) change the School's name to BridgePrep Academy of Village Green, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	NG	N/A – No increase in FTE
	G. Holmes Braddock Senior High	2011/2016	K-8	450			

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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 2013-2014 SY Revenue (\$)/ Positions Non-Instr.
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Current Year Maximum Capacity				
Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on June 27, 2013.</i>	600 W. 20 Street Hialeah, Florida 33010	5 years	K-8	547	Approval of the first amendment to the first renewal contract to: (i.) move to a facility located at 369 E. Tenth Street, Hialeah, Florida 33010; and (ii.) decrease the enrollment from 910 students to a maximum of 390 students, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	B	N/A – No increase in FTE
	Westland Hialeah Senior High	2013/ 2018	K-8	910			
Lawrence Academy ESP: N/A <i>CRC recommended approval on June 21, 2013.</i>	713 W. Palm Drive Florida City, Florida 33034	10 years	6-8	82	Approval of the fourth amendment to the contract to move to a facility located at 530 S.W. First Street, Florida City, Florida 33034, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	C	N/A – No increase in FTE
	Homestead Senior High	2005/ 2015	6-8	450			
Lawrence Academy Senior High Charter School ESP: N/A <i>CRC recommended approval on June 21, 2013.</i>	713 W. Palm Drive Florida City, Florida 33034	10 years	9-12	44	Approval of the third amendment to the contract to move to a facility located at 530 S.W. First Street, Florida City, Florida 33034, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	C	N/A – No increase in FTE
	Homestead Senior High	2007/ 2017	9-12	500			

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Name of School	School Location(s)	Term Initial/ Exp.	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	2012 School Grade/Rating	DISTRICT IMPACT 2013-2014 SY	
	Feeder Pattern		Current Year Maximum Capacity				Revenue (\$)/ Positions	Non-Instr.
Somerset Gables Academy ESP: Academica Dade LLC <i>CRC recommended approval on June 11, 2013.</i>	Campus 1: 624 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134	10 years	K-8	230	Approval of the second amendment to the contract to: (i.) delete the facility located at 950 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33134; and (ii.) replace with a facility located at 5859 S.W. 16 th Street, Miami, Florida 33155, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	NG	N/A – No increase in FTE	
	Coral Gables Senior High							
	Campus 2: 950 University Drive Coral Gables, Florida 33134	2009/ 2019	K-8	675				
	Coral Gables Senior High							
Youth Co-Op Charter School -High Performing Charter School ESP: N/A <i>CRC recommended approval on June 27, 2013.</i>	12051 W. Okeechobee Road Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33018	15 years	K-8	599	Approval of the third amendment to the first renewal contract to: (i.) permanently conduct operations from the facility located at 7700 W. 20 th Avenue, Hialeah, Florida 33016; (ii.) delete the facility located at 12051 West Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33018; and (iii.) increase enrollment from 650 students to a maximum of 850 students, commencing with the 2013-2014 school year.	A	\$909,750	
	Hialeah Gardens Senior High	2008/ 2023	K-8	650			10	6

TOTAL REVENUE (\$):	\$4,521,240
Total Instructional Positions:	49
Total Non-Instructional Positions:	30
TOTAL POSITIONS:	79

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 (\$4,521,240), instructional staffing (49 positions), and non-instructional staffing (30 positions). The loss of revenue is based on 95% of FEFP 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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