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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AND FOUR AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

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) negotiated one new charter school contract and made the following recommendation to the Superintendent.

Table 1: Charter Contract					
	Type of Contract	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	8-Year Charter	The SEED School of Miami	Miami Boarding School, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A

**The approved application related to this contract was approved in the 2012 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. Listed below are four contract amendments. Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) was only required to negotiate one of the four amended contracts presented on this agenda. The recommendations to the Superintendent were as follows:

Table 2: Contract Amendments					
	Type of Amendment	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	Administrative: Location/Campus	Academy of International Education Charter School	Miami-Dade Foundation for Educational Innovation, Inc.	N/A	Attachment A
2.	Term/ High Performing*	Downtown Miami Charter School	The Downtown Miami Charter School, Inc.	N/A	
3.	Grade Configuration	Excelsior Charter Academy	Excelsior Academies, Inc.	Approval	
4.	Administrative: Grade Configuration	Palm Glades Preparatory Academy	Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.	N/A	

**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. Only the new charter school contract in this Board item represents 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.

Table 3: Total Loss					
District Impact	2014-15 SY Initial Loss		2014-15 SY Initial Loss - Human Capital		
	Total FEFP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non- Instructional Positions
			Core ¹	Non-Core ²	
New Contract	\$363,900	80	3	1	3
Amendments	\$0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INITIAL LOSS:	\$363,900	80	3	1	3

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 contract 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 one new charter school contract with Miami Boarding School, Inc., on behalf of The SEED School of Miami, for a term of eight years, commencing with the 2014-2015 school year and ending on June 30, 2021, as a deferral to open was granted the 2013-2014 school year;
2. Approve four amended charter school contracts with:
 - a. Miami-Dade Foundation for Educational Innovation, Inc., on behalf of Academy of International Education Charter School, to eliminate from the contract the campus located at 6521 S.W. 62nd Avenue, South Miami, Florida 33143, effective immediately;
 - b. The Downtown Miami Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Miami Charter School, to modify the term of the renewal contract from a 5-year term to a 15-year term, under the Section 1002.331(3), F.S., High-Performing Charter Schools, commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2027;
 - c. Excelsior Academies, Inc., on behalf of Excelsior Charter Academy, may add a ninth grade, commencing with the 2014-2015 school year, provided the school receives a state accountability grade of "C", pursuant to *DOAH Case No. 13-004353, Excelsior Academies, Inc., v. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, FL*; and
 - d. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., on behalf of Palm Glades Preparatory Academy, to decrease grade levels from Kindergarten through eighth grade to grades six through eight, effective immediately.
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 CONTRACT:

- The SEED School of Miami

AMENDMENTS:

- Academy of International Education Charter School
- Downtown Miami Charter School
- Excelsior Charter Academy
- Palm Glades Preparatory Academy

The specifics of all five charter school contracts recommended to the Superintendent for approval are as follows:

(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)	Theme/Focus	DISTRICT IMPACT 2014-15 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Initial Year				Revenue (\$)/Positions	Instr.
NEW CONTRACT								
<p>The SEED School of Miami ESP: The SEED Foundation, Inc.</p> <p><i>CRC recommended approval on February 25, 2014.</i></p>	<p>11025 S.W. 84 Street, Cottage 1, 2, 3, and 4 Miami, Florida 33173</p>	8 years	6	80	<p>Approval of an 8-year charter school contract commencing with the 2013-2014 school year, as a deferral was granted for one year.</p>	<p>College Preparatory Boarding Academy for at-risk students.</p>	\$363,900	
	<p>Miami Killian Senior High</p>	2013/2021	6-12	400			4	3

(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)	2012 School Grade/Rating	DISTRICT IMPACT 2013-2014 SY
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Maximum Capacity	Revenue (\$)/ Positions			
							Instr. Non-Instr.
AMENDMENTS							
Academy of International Education Charter School ESP: District-Managed <i>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	1080 La Baron Drive Miami Springs, Florida 33166	5 years	K-8	851	<u>Administrative Amendment:</u> approval of the second amendment to the contract to eliminate the campus located at 6521 S.W. 62 nd Avenue, South Miami, Florida 33143, effective immediately. The School will continue to operate on one campus located at 1080 LaBaron Drive, Miami Springs, Florida 33166.	C	N/A – No increase in FTE.
	Miami Springs Senior High	2011/2016	K-8	900			
Downtown Miami Charter School ESP: Charter Schools USA <i>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	305 NW Third Avenue Miami, Florida 33128	5 years	K-6	658	Approval of the first amendment to the renewal contract to from a 5-year term to a 15-year term, under the Section 1002.331(3) F.S., High-Performing Charter Schools , commencing with the 2012-2013 school year and ending on June 30, 2027.	A	N/A – No increase in FTE.
	Booker T. Washington Senior High	2012/2017	K-6	650			

(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 2013-2014 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current Year				Revenue (\$)/Positions	Instr.
			Maximum Capacity					
Excelsior Charter Academy ESP: None <i>CRC recommended approval on February 25, 2014.</i>	3490 N.W. 191 Street Miami Gardens, Florida 33056	5 years	K-8	229	Approval of the first amendment to the first renewal contract that may add a 9th grade, commencing with the 2014-2015 school year, provided the School receives a state accountability grade of "C", pursuant to <i>DOAH Case No. 13-004353, Excelsior Academies, Inc., v. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, FL.</i>	D	N/A – No increase in FTE.	
	Miami Carol City Senior High	2012/2017	K-8	450				
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy ESP: Charter School Associates, Inc. <i>No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.</i>	22655 S.W. 112 Avenue Miami, Florida 33170		K-8	428	<u>Administrative Amendment:</u> Approval of the second amendment to the contract to decrease grade levels from Kindergarten through eighth grade to grades six through eight, only to reflect existing operations, effective immediately.	D	N/A – No increase in FTE.	
	Miami Southridge Senior High	2011/2021	K-8	918				
TOTAL REVENUE (\$):							\$363,900	
Total Instructional Positions:							4	
Total Non-Instructional Positions:							3	
TOTAL POSITIONS:							7	

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 (\$363,900), instructional staffing (4 positions), and non-instructional staffing (3 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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