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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

APPLICATIONS

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. Thirty-six (36) applications were received for the 2014 cycle 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.

EVALUATION

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools* (School Board Policy), the District reviews all 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 standards of evaluation, certification and assurance declarations. The Sponsor shall deny any application that does not comply with the statutory requirements and/or Sponsor's instructions for charter school applications.

The Superintendent has appointed the Application Review Committee (ARC) with the responsibility to review and evaluate charter school applications after an initial technical review conducted by staff. The ARC is comprised of representatives from various District departments and is 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.

Pursuant to School Board Policy, one charter school application is being presented for final consideration by the School Board in this agenda item. Detailed in the following chart is a summary of the charter school application.

Table 1: Charter Application								
Type of Application	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Committee Recommendation	Focus/ Theme	
			Initial/ Exp.	Initial Year	Maximum Capacity			
Approval								
1.	Traditional	Miami Children's Museum Charter School North Campus	Miami Children's Museum Charter School, Inc.	5 years	K-5	275	Approval	Museum
				2015/ 2020	K-5	450		

Copy of the application has 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, approve one charter school application and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the application as approved by the School Board for Miami Children's Museum Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Miami Children's Museum Charter School North Campus.

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