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 School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF TWO CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, TWO NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS AND ONE AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT**

**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, two (2) charter school applications are being presented for final consideration by the School Board. Detailed in the chart below is a summary of the charter school applications. Additional details can be found in Attachment A and in the evaluation forms which are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

<b>Table 1: Charter Application</b>					
	<b>Type of Application</b>	<b>Proposed Name of School</b>	<b>Legal Entity</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Supporting Documentation</b>
1.	Traditional	Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) High School – North Campus	Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	Traditional	Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Middle School – North Campus			

**NEW CHARTER CONTRACTS AND AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL 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 M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) negotiated two (2) new charter school contracts and one (1) contract amendment. The recommendations are as follows:

Type of Contract	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1. High-Performing Replication* - 5-Year Initial Charter	Mater Academy West	Mater Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2. High-Performing Replication* - 5-Year Initial Charter	Mater International Academy			

\*Pursuant to s.1002.33, "high performing" is a designation made by the Commission of Education for certain charter schools that allows that school to replicate an existing program.

Type of Amendment	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1. Location/Enrollment Configuration	BridgePrep Academy of Village Green	BridgePrep Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A

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. The three (3) 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	Initial Loss		Initial Loss - Human Capital			Total Positions
	Total FEFP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non-Instructional Positions	
			Core <sup>1</sup>	Non-Core <sup>2</sup>		
New Contract (1) [2015-2016 SY]	\$673,215	111	6	2	5	13
New Contract (1) [2016-2017 SY]	\$2,078,042	338	18	4	14	36
Amendment (1) [2015-2016 SY]	\$230,470	38	2	1	2	5
<b>TOTAL INITIAL LOSS:</b>	<b>\$2,981,727</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>54</b>

<sup>1</sup> Core includes: elementary education, language arts/reading, mathematics, science, and social science.

<sup>2</sup> Non-Core includes: electives and all other subject areas and programs.

Copies of the applications, 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 (2) charter school applications and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the applications as approved by the School Board for:
  - a. Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc., on behalf of:
    - i. Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) High School – North Campus;
    - ii. Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Middle School – North Campus.
2. Approve two (2) new charter contracts, under Section 1002.331, F.S., **High-Performing Charter Schools**, with:
  - a. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of:
    - i. Mater Academy West, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2021; and
    - ii. Mater International Academy, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2015-2016 school year and ending on June 30, 2020.
3. Approve one (1) amended charter school contract with BridgePrep Academy, Inc., on behalf of BridgePrep Academy of Village Green, to (i.) add a permanent facility located at 13300 S.W. 120<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33186; Folio No. 30-5914-000-0040; (ii.) increase enrollment from 550 students to a maximum of 600 students, commencing with the 2015-2016 school year, and ending on June 30, 2016.
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 D-67  
ATTACHMENT A**

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) High School – North Campus
2. Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Middle School – North Campus

**NEW CONTRACT(S):**

1. Mater Academy West
2. Mater International Academy

**AMENDMENT:**

1. BridgePrep Academy of Village Green

The M-DCPS' Charter School Application Review Committee (ARC) reviewed the two charter school applications and the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) reviewed the two new charter school contracts and amended charter school contract listed below and recommended approval to the Superintendent.

(1)/(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(8)			
Name of School	Legal Entity	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme			
		Initial/ Exp.	Initial Year	Maximum Capacity				
<b>APPLICATIONS</b>								
<b>Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) High School – North Campus</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  ARC recommended approval on January 16, 2015.	Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc.	5 years	9-10	500	Sports Management			
		2015/2020	9-12	1,000				
<b>Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Middle School – North Campus</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  ARC recommended approval on January 16, 2015.	Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc.	5 years	6-8	374	Sports Management			
		2015/2020	6-8	750				
(1)/(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(8)	(10)	(11)	
Name of School	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	DISTRICT IMPACT 2015-16 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Current Year				Revenue (\$)	Positions
<b>NEW CONTRACT</b>								
<b>Mater International Academy</b> ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  CRC recommended approval on January 27, 2015.	18300 N.W. 89th Avenue Hialeah, Florida 33018	5 years	K-1	148	None	Approval of a charter school contract under Section 1002.331(3), F.S., <b>High-Performing Charter Schools</b> , for a term of five (5) years, commencing with the 2015-2016 school year and ending on June 30, 2020.	\$673,215	
	Miami Northwestern Senior High	2015/2020	K-5	250			8	5

(1)/(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(9)	(10)	(11)	
Name of School	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	2014 School Grade/ Rating	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	DISTRICT IMPACT 2015-16 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Current Year Maximum Capacity				Revenue (\$)	Positions
AMENDMENT								
BridgePrep Academy of Village Green ESP: S.M.A.R.T. Management, LLC  CRC recommended approval on December 16, 2014.	4707 S.W. 127 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Miami, Florida 33175	5 years	K-8	179	A	Approval of the second amendment to the charter school contract to (i.) add a permanent facility located at 13300 S.W. 120 <sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33186; Folio No. 30-5914-000-0040; and (ii.) increase enrollment from 550 students to a maximum of 600 students, commencing with the 2015-2016 school year and ending on June 30, 2016.	\$230,470	
	G. Holmes Braddock Senior High	2011/ 2016	K-8	550			3	2
<b>TOTAL 2015-2016 REVENUE (\$):</b>							\$903,685	
Total 2015-2016 Instructional Positions:							11	
Total 2015-2016 Non-Instructional Positions:							7	
<b>TOTAL 2015-2016 POSITIONS:</b>							18	
(1)/(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(8)	(10)	(11)	
Name of School	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Special Provisions and/or Requested Action(s)	DISTRICT IMPACT 2016-17 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Current Year Maximum Capacity				Revenue (\$)	Positions
NEW CONTRACT:								
Mater Academy West ESP: Academica Dade, LLC  CRC recommended approval on January 27, 2015.	3405 N.W. 27 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Miami, Florida 33142	5 years	K-1	450	None	Approval of a charter school contract under Section 1002.331(3), F.S., <b>High-Performing Charter Schools</b> , for a term of five (5) years, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year and ending on June 30, 2021.	\$2,078,042	
	Barbara Goleman Senior High	2016/ 2021	K-5	750			22	14
<b>TOTAL 2016-2017 REVENUE (\$):</b>							\$2,078,042	
Total 2016-2017 Instructional Positions:							22	
Total 2016-2017 Non-Instructional Positions:							14	
<b>TOTAL 2016-2017 POSITIONS:</b>							36	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE (\$) [2015-2016 SY &amp; 2016-2017 SY]:</b>							<b>\$2,981,727</b>	
<b>TOTAL POSITIONS [2015-2016 SY &amp; 2016-2017 SY]:</b>							<b>54</b>	

Initial Year Loss for the 2015-2016 SY: The revenue and positions indicated as "Initial Year Loss" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$903,685) instructional staffing (11 positions), and non-instructional staffing (7 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.

Initial Year Loss for the 2016-2017 SY: The revenue and positions indicated as "Initial Year Loss" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$2,078,042) instructional staffing (22 positions), and non-instructional staffing (14 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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