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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE (1) A RENEWAL CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LBA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF LBA CONSTRUCTION AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ACADEMY AND (2) A RENEWAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ALPHA CHARTER OF EXCELLENCE, INC. ON BEHALF OF ALPHA CHARTER OF EXCELLENCE

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

Section 1002.33(2)(b), F.S., states that school districts may provide goods and services to a charter school through a contract, separate from the charter contract, at a mutually agreed upon rate. Currently, the School Board has management agreements with four (4) charter schools: Academy for International Education, South Florida Autism Charter School, LBA Construction and Business Management Academy Charter High School, and Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School. The Educational, Operational, and Financial services provided under these contracts include, but are not limited to, strategic planning, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, facilities identification and development, regulatory compliance, corporate records maintenance, accounting, budgeting, cash management and financial reporting. The district is providing curriculum support services to a fifth school, Alpha Charter of Excellence, through an agreement approved by the School Board on August 5, 2015.

The LBA charter school serves 186 students in grades nine through twelve. The school's charter was approved for a ten-year charter contract at the June 22, 2016, School Board Meeting. The school is requesting that the District continue to provide management services through the term of the new charter contract.

This item requests that the Board authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a renewal management agreement with LBA Children and Families Foundation, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, on behalf of LBA Construction and Business Management Academy to provide strategic planning, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, facilities development, regulatory compliance, corporate records maintenance, accounting, budgeting, cash management and financial reporting services

for the term of the charter school contract, with renewal options, and for a fee up to 10% of funds received by the school through the Florida Education Finance Program per student Full Time Equivalent per year. Additional services, including, but not limited to, food services and transportation, may be provided under separate contract at cost.

The Alpha Charter of Excellence, located in Little Havana, was founded in 2012 and serves 311 students in kindergarten through fifth grades. The founders and governing board members are also members of the Cuban American National Council, Inc. (CNC). The school contracts with the Leona Group, a Michigan-based company, for management services but seeks to renew its contract with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for curriculum support services in order to improve student academic performance. The school requests that the District continue to provide curriculum support services for the 2016-2017 school year, assuming it remains open and is not closed due to low performance.

This item requests that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a renewal service agreement for curriculum support services with the Alpha Charter of Excellence, Inc. on behalf of Alpha Charter of Excellence.

There is no cost to the District associated with this Item.

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

1. to negotiate and execute a renewal management agreement with LBA Children and Families Foundation, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, on behalf of LBA Construction and Business Management Academy, to provide strategic planning, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, facilities development, regulatory compliance, corporate records maintenance, accounting, budgeting, cash management and financial reporting services for the term of the charter school contract, with an option to renew, and
2. to negotiate and execute a renewal services agreement for curriculum support services with Alpha Charter of Excellence, Inc. on behalf of Alpha Charter of Excellence with an option to renew