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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPLICATION AND THREE AMENDMENTS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

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

APPLICATIONS

Florida Statute 1002.33, authorizes the establishment of charter schools in Florida by individuals and/or organizations. 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 for approval or denial by the School Board. Section 1002.33(6)(B)(3), F.S., requires School Boards to approve or deny the applications by no later than 60 days after receipt, unless the applicant waives the deadline and an extension of time is then granted. This item recommends approval of a charter school application received for the 2016 cycle. If this application is approved, this charter school could open for the 2017-2018 school year. (*Note: Legislation passed in 2016 affords charter schools the opportunity to defer the opening of the school's operations for up to 2 years to provide time for adequate facility planning.*)

During the 2016 application cycle a total of 17 applications were received and to date, 6 applications have been approved by the School Board, 1 application has been withdrawn, and 9 applications are pending review.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, 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 and an Applicant History Addendum. The Sponsor shall deny any application that does not comply with the State's statutory requirements and rules 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 is conducted by staff. The ARC is comprised of representatives from various District departments and is charged with identifying strengths and 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 (1) charter school application is being presented for final consideration by the School Board. An overview of the charter school application is contained in the following table. Additional details can be found in Attachment "A", which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 1: Application Recommended for Approval					
	Type of Application	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	Standard	KIPP Miami School	KIPP Miami, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A

DUE PROCESS

To ensure proper notice and due process, the applicant was noticed of the Superintendent's recommendation to the School Board and provided a copy of the final evaluation prior to this School Board Meeting. The applicant was also informed of the School Board's Personnel Services and Student and School Support Committee Meeting and procedures for requesting to appear before the School Board at meetings and public hearings.

AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT(S)

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*, only one (1) of the three (3) charter school contracts presented in this Board item required presentation to the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC). Additional details can be found in Attachment "A", which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. The recommendation is as follows:

Table 2: Amendments					
	Type of Amendment	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	Enrollment Increase	True North Classical Academy (MSID 1000)	True North Classical Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	Administrative Office Location Change	Somerset Virtual Academy Middle/High (MSID 6016)	Somerset Virtual Academy, Inc.	N/A	Attachment A
3.	Location Removal	Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School (MSID 7053)	Pinecrest Academy, Inc.	N/A	Attachment A

DISTRICT IMPACT

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 application represents a potential 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. Additional information on the impact is provided in Attachment "A".

Table 4: Total Initial Loss						
District Impact	Initial Loss		Initial Loss: Human Capital			
	Total FTEPP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non-Instructional Positions	Total Positions
			Core	Non-Core		
Amendment (1) ³	157,690	26	2	0	1	3
TOTAL INITIAL LOSS:	157,690	26	2	0	1	3

Copies of the contracts 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 (1) charter school application and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the application as approved by the School Board for KIPP Miami, Inc. d/b/a KIPP Miami School.
2. Approve three (3) charter school amendments for:
 - A. True North Classical, Inc., d/b/a True North Classical Academy (MSID 1000) to increase student enrollment in year 2 by 34 students from 246 students to a maximum of 280 students for the school year 2016-2017 only, effective August 22, 2016;
 - B. Somerset Virtual Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Virtual Academy Middle/High (MSID 6016) to move the administrative office to Somerset Academy Charter High School (South Homestead) located at 305 NE 2 Rd., Homestead, FL 33030 (Folio No. 10-7918-008-1230); and,
 - C. Pinecrest Preparatory Academy, Inc., d/b/a Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School (MSID 7053) to remove the 15250 SW 8 Street, Miami, FL 33194 (Folio No. 30-4904-000-0090), and keep their current location at 14901 SW 42 Street, Miami, FL 33185 (Folio No. 30-4916-052-0010).
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

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

²Non-Core includes: electives and all other subject areas and programs.

³ Somerset Virtual Academy Middle/High (MSID 6016) and Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School (MSID 7053) are not included in this figure because the amendment does not result in an enrollment increase or the initial loss has already been accounted.

**School Board Agenda Item D-66
ATTACHMENT A**

APPLICATIONS:

1. KIPP Miami School*

AMENDMENTS:

1. True North Classical Academy
2. Somerset Virtual Academy Middle/High
3. Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High

APPLICATIONS											
(1)(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)					
Name of School	Proposed School's Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Founding/ Gov. Board Members	POTENTIAL* DISTRICT IMPACT 2017-2018 SY				
	Possible Impacted Traditional Schools		Initial Year				Revenue Positions	Inst.	Non-Inst.		
		Initial/ Exp.	Maximum Capacity								
KIPP Miami School* Legal Entity: KIPP Miami, Inc. P: N/A Proposed Geographic Location: Allapattah, Liberty City, or Little Haiti	N/A	5 years	K-1	200	N/A	Governing Board Members: Trisha Coad, Chair (National Director for KIPP Foundation); Holly Briedis, Board Member (Engagement Manager for McKinsey & Company); Nolan Highbaugh, Board Member (General Counsel for KIPP Foundation); Juan Eugenio Rodriguez, Board Member (Director of Business Development and Strategy for Health Semantics)	\$909,750				
	N/A	2017/ 2022	K-5	640			10	6			
						Total 2017-2018 Instructional Positions:				10	
						Total 2017-2018 Non-Instructional Positions:				6	
						TOTAL 2017-2018 POSITIONS:				16	

*As this is only an approved application, the impact is denoted as a "potential" impact and not total initial loss for RIF/Layoff purposes.

APPENDIX											
(1)(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)	(10)	(11)	(12)					
Name of School	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	2015 School Grade/Rating	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2016-17 SY			
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.	Current Enrollment	Maximum Capacity				Revenue Positions	Non-Instr.		
True North Classical Academy (K-8) (MSID 1000) Legal Entity: True North Classical Academy, Inc. ESP: N/A Feeder Pattern: Southwest Miami SH CRC recommended approval on September 16, 2016	9393 Sunset Dr., Miami, FL 33173	5yrs	K-8	266	A	Recommended Action(s): To increase student enrollment in year 2 by 34 students from 246 students to a maximum of 280 students for the school year 2016-2017 only, effective August 22, 2016. Special Provisions: N/A	Miami South Region Regalado VD 6	\$157,690			
	Blue Lakes Elem.; Cypress Elem.; Wesley Matthews Elem.; Olympia Heights Elem.; Royal Palm Elem.; Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elem.; Tropical Elem.; Riviera Mid.; Snapper Creek Elem.; and, Glades Mid.	2015/2020	K-8	728				2	1		
Somerset Virtual Academy Middle/High (MSID 6016) Legal Entity: Somerset Virtual Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica, LLC Feeder Pattern: N/A (virtual school)	11100 NW 27 Street, Doral, FL 33172	5yrs	6-12	18	D	Recommended Action(s): To move the administrative office to Somerset Academy Charter High School (South Homestead) location 305 NE 2 Rd., Homestead, FL 33030 (Folio No. 10-7918-008-1230). Special Provisions: No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.	N/A (virtual school)	N/A			
	N/A (virtual school)	2014/2019	6-12	300				N/A	N/A		
Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School (MSID 7053) Legal Entity: Pinecrest Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica, LLC Feeder Pattern: John A. Ferguson HS	14901 SW 42 Street, Miami, FL 33185	10yrs	9-12	520	A	Recommended Action(s): To remove the 15250 SW 8 Street, Miami, FL 33194 (Folio No. 30-4904-000-0090) and keep their current location 14901 SW 42 Street, Miami, FL 33185 (Folio No. 30-4916-052-0010). Special Provisions: No CRC required, pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, Charter Schools.	Miami South Region Pérez Wurtz VD 8	N/A			
	Dr. Manuel C. Barreiro Elem.; Bowman/ Doolin K-8 Ctr.; Dante B. Fascell Elem.; Jane S. Roberts K-8 Ctr.; Zelda Glazer Mid.; and, Lamar Louise Curry Mid.	2008/2018	9-12	1200				N/A	N/A		
Total 2016-2017 Instructional Positions:								2			
Total 2016-2017 Non-Instructional Positions:								1			
TOTAL 2016-2017 POSITIONS:								3			

Initial Year Loss (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 (\$157,690.00) instructional staffing (2 positions), and non-instructional staffing (1 positions).

Initial Year Loss (2017-2018 SY): The revenue and positions indicated as "Initial Year Loss" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$909,750.00) instructional staffing (10 positions), and non-instructional staffing (6 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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