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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF TWO CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND ONE AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

APPLICATIONS

Section 1002.33, F.S., authorizes the establishment of charter schools 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 two (2) charter school applications received for the 2016 cycle. If these applications are approved, these charter schools 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applications were received and to date, 7 applications have been approved by the School Board, 7 applications have been withdrawn, and these remaining 3 applications are pending School Board action, of which two are being presented in this Item.

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, two (2) charter school applications are being presented for final consideration by the School Board. An overview of the charter school applications are contained in the following table. Additional details for the two (2) applications recommended for approval can

be found in Attachment "A", which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. The recommendations are as follows:

| Table 1: Applications Recommended for Approval | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Type of Application | Proposed Name of School | Legal Entity | Committee Recommendation | Supporting Documentation | |
| 1. | *High Performing | Mater Academy Cutler Bay Middle School | Mater Academy, Inc. | Approval | Attachment A |
| 2. | | Mater High South | | | |

*Pursuant to s.1002.33(6), F.S., a "high-performing" charter school may submit an application in any school district in the state to establish and operation a new charter school that will substantially replicate its educational program.

DUE PROCESS

To ensure proper notice and due process, the applicants were 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 applicants were 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

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 charter school contract presented in this board item is required to go before the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC). Additional details for the amended charter school contract recommended for approval 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 | Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School (MSID 3002) | Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc. | Approval | 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 amended charter contract represents an increase in overall charter school enrollment and an anticipated initial loss to the District.

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".

| District Impact | Initial Loss | | Initial Loss: Human Capital | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| | Total FTE Revenue (\$) | Projected Charter FTE (#) | Instructional Positions | | Non-Instructional Positions | Total Positions |
| | | | Core | Non-Core | | |
| Amendment (1) | \$436,681 | 72 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| TOTAL INITIAL LOSS: | \$436,681 | 72 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 |

A copy of the applications and the amended charter school contract 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:

- A. 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:
 - 1. Mater Academy, Inc. d/b/a Mater Academy Cutler Bay Middle School; and,
 - 2. Mater Academy, Inc. d/b/a Mater High South.

- B. Approve one (1) amended charter school contract for Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc. on behalf of Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, (MSID 3002) to increase student enrollment capacity to 798 students for the 2017-2018 school year, an increase of 96 students; and increase student enrollment capacity to 950 students for the remaining term of the charter (the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years), which is an increase of 204 and 182 students respectively.

- C. 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.

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

APPLICATIONS:

1. Mater Academy Cutler Bay Middle School
2. Mater High South

AMENDMENT:

1. Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School (MSID 3002)

| (1)/(2)(3) Name of School | (4)(5) Proposed School's Location Possible Impacted Traditional Schools | (6) Term Initial Exp. | (7) Grade Levels Initial Year Maximum Capacity | (8) Enrollment | (8) Focus/ Theme | (9) Founding/ Gov. Board Members |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| Mater Academy Cutler Bay Middle School (High-Performing Replication of Mater Academy Lakes Middle School – WL 6033) Legal Entity: Mater Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica, LLC Proposed Geographic Location: Cutler Bay, Florida (South Region / VD 9) | N/A | 5 years | 6-8 | 500 | None | <u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Blanch, Chair (Siegfried, Rivera, Lemer, De la Torre and Sobel, P.A.); • Javier Jerez, Board Member (FIU Student); • Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Member (CKA Construction Group, LLC); • Maurene S. Balmaseda, Board Member (HDR Engineering, Inc.); and, • Shannine Sadesky, Board Member (Somerset Academy, Inc.). |
| | Cutler Bay Middle School | 2017/ 2022 | 6-8 | 1,000 | | |
| Mater High South (High Performing Replication of Mater Academy Lakes High School – WL 7018) Legal Entity: Mater Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica, LLC Proposed Geographic Location: Cutler Bay, Florida (South Region / VD 9) | N/A | 5 years | 9-10 | 550 | None | <u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Blanch, Chair (Siegfried, Rivera, Lemer, De la Torre and Sobel, P.A.); • Javier Jerez, Board Member (FIU Student); • Cesar Christian Crousillat, Board Member (CKA Construction Group, LLC); • Maurene S. Balmaseda, Board Member (HDR Engineering, Inc.); and, • Shannine Sadesky, Board Member (Somerset Academy, Inc.). |
| | Miami Southridge Senior High School and Cutler Bay Senior High School | 2017/ 2022 | 9-12 | 1,400 | | |

| AMENDMENTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|-----|----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|--|-----------|--|--|
| (1)(2)(3) | (4)(5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Instr. | Non-Instr. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School (MSID 3002) | 8390 NW 53 St., Miami, FL 33166 | 5yrs | K-5 | 612 | | Recommended Action(s): To increase student enrollment as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>School Year (20XX)</th> <th>Original Capacity</th> <th>Increase</th> <th>Amended Capacity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>17-18</td> <td>702</td> <td>96</td> <td>798</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18-19</td> <td>746</td> <td>204</td> <td>950</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19-20</td> <td>768</td> <td>182</td> <td>950</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | School Year (20XX) | Original Capacity | Increase | Amended Capacity | 17-18 | 702 | 96 | 798 | 18-19 | 746 | 204 | 950 | 19-20 | 768 | 182 | 950 | City of Doral Central Region Castillo VD 5 | \$436,681 | | |
| School Year (20XX) | Original Capacity | Increase | Amended Capacity | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17-18 | 702 | 96 | 798 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18-19 | 746 | 204 | 950 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19-20 | 768 | 182 | 950 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal Entity: Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc. | Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center; Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center; John I. Smith K-8 Center; and, Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School. | 2015/2020 | K-5 | 768 | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ESP: MDCPS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feeder Pattern: Ronald W. Reagan/Doral SH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CRC recommended approval on October 13, 2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total 2016-2017 Instructional Positions: | | | | | | | | | \$292,576 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total 2016-2017 Non-Instructional Positions: | | | | | | | | | \$144,105 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 2016-2017 POSITIONS: | | | | | | | | | \$436,681 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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 (\$436,680) instructional staffing (5 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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