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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE APPLICATION,
AND AMEND TWO CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS**

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 no later than 60 days after receipt, unless the applicant waives the deadline and an extension of time is granted. This item recommends approval of one (1) charter school application received for the 2017 cycle. If this application is approved, the charter school could open for the 2018-2019 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.)*

For the 2017 application cycle we have received two (2) applications as of the date of this publication and one (1) of these is being presented for consideration.

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 the Sponsor's instructions for charter school applications.

The Superintendent has designated 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.

An overview of the charter school application is provided 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.

The recommendation is as follows:

Table 1: Applications				
<i>Type of Application</i>	<i>Proposed Name of School</i>	<i>Legal Entity</i>	<i>Committee Recommendation</i>	<i>Supporting Documentation</i>
1. Standard	Downtown Doral Charter Upper School	Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A

AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS

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*, one (1) charter school contract amendment is being presented in this board item that was required to go before the M-DCPS' Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC). Additional details for these contract amendments 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: Contract				
<i>Type of Contract</i>	<i>Name of School</i>	<i>Legal Entity</i>	<i>Committee Recommendation</i>	<i>Supporting Documentation</i>
1. Administrative Amendments	Downtown Doral Charter Elementary-School (MSID 3002)	Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Middle School - North Campus (MSID 6024)	Sports Leadership & Management Foundation, Inc.	N/A	

DUE PROCESS

To ensure proper notice and due process, the applicant and non-profit entities were noticed of the Superintendent's recommendation to the School Board and were provided a copy of the final evaluation and negotiated contract prior to this School Board Meeting. They 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.

Copies of the application, evaluation and 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:

- A. Approve one (1) charter school application for Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc., (Downtown Doral Charter Upper School) and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.
- B. Approve two (2) amended charter school contracts for:
 - 1. Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc. (Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School) (MSID 3002) to increase enrollment in year 2 of the contract by 58 students from 556 students to 614 students for the 2016-2017 school year; and,
 - 2. Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc., d/b/a Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Middle School – North Campus (MSID 6024) to change its legal entity name from Sports Leadership and Management Foundation, Inc., to Sports Leadership and Management, Inc.

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Attachment

**School Board Agenda Item D-65
ATTACHMENT A**

NEW CHARTER:

Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc.,
(Downtown Doral Charter Upper School)

AMENDMENTS:

1. Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc. (Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School) (MSID 3002)
2. Sports Leadership & Management Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Sports Leadership and Management Middle School- North Campus (MSID 6024)

APPLICATIONS						
(1)(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
Name of School	Proposed School's Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Founding/ Gov. Board Members
	Possible Impacted Traditional Schools		Initial Year			
		Initial/ Exp.	Maximum Capacity			
Downtown Doral Charter Upper School Legal Entity: Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc. ESP: MDCPS Proposed Geographic Location: Doral Central Region / VD5)	Downtown Doral	5 years	6-9	502	Bilingual	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ana-Maria Codina-Barlick, Chair (CEO, Codina Partners); • Johnny Winton, Board Member (Codina Partners); • Harold Eisenacher, Board Member (CEO, CC Homes); and, • Vera Hirsch, Board Member (Principal, Academy for International Education Charter School).
	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	2018/ 2023	6-12	1,070		

AMENDMENTS											
(1)(2)(3)	(4)(5)	(6)	(7)		(10)	(11)	(12)				
Name of School	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	2016 School Grade/ Rating	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2017-18 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., Doral, FL 33166	5yrs	K-5	612	A	Recommended Action(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative amendment; Increase enrollment from 556 students by 57 students to 613 students for the school year 2016-2017. Special Provisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retroactive impact 	City of Doral Central Region Castillo VD 5	N/A			
	Legal Entity: Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc. ESP: MDCPS Feeder Pattern: Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High CRC recommended approval on March 30, 2017	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				950	N/A	N/A	
Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Middle School - North Campus (MSID 6024)	1601 NE 165 Street, North Miami Beach, FL 33162; 16601 NE 15 Ave., North Miami Beach, Florida 33162	5yrs (2016-17 Planning Year)	6-8	N/A	Not yet open	Recommended Action(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative amendment; Legal entity name change from Sports Leadership & Management Foundation, Inc. to Sports Leadership & Management, Inc. Special Provisions: N/A	City of North Miami Beach North Region Karp VD 3	N/A			
	Legal Entity: Sports Leadership & Management Foundation, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade, LLC Feeder Pattern: North Miami Beach Senior High School	Fulford Elementary School, Greynolds Park Elementary School, Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary School, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and North Miami Beach Senior High School	2016/2021	6-8				450	N/A	N/A	

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