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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI BOARDING SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE SEED SCHOOL OF MIAMI

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Per Section 1002.33(2)(b), F.S., 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 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.

In 2014, the SEED School of Miami Foundation successfully contracted with the Florida Department of Education and The Board to establish a college-preparatory, public boarding school for youth living in poverty and at risk of failing school, eligible for social services, in foster care, living in public housing and/or have an incarcerated immediate family member. The SEED School of Miami is the only boarding charter school in Florida and one of three in the nation, and it currently serves 132 students in grades six through eight with projections to grow to 400 students in grades six through twelve.

The SEED School of Miami currently has an Academic and Management Agreement with The SEED Foundation located in Washington, DC, which provides program design services, including curriculum development, loaned employees, financial services, human resource assistance, advocacy and governmental relations. The Miami Boarding School, Inc., on behalf of the SEED School of Miami, is seeking charter school management services as provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools Office of Innovation and School Choice to assist with localized support and solutions as outlined in the management agreement particularly in the area of facilities coordination.

This item requests that the Board authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a management agreement with The Miami Boarding School , Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, on behalf of The SEED School of Miami to provide services that may include: strategic planning, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, facilities development, regulatory compliance, corporate records maintenance, accounting, budgeting, cash management and financial reporting services for the remainder of the term of the charter school contract, with renewal options, and for a fee of 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.

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

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a management agreement with The Miami Boarding School, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, on behalf of The SEED School of Miami 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 remainder of the term of the charter school contract, with an option to renew and for a fee of 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.

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