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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF SIX NEW CHARTER APPLICATIONS

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 90 days after receipt, unless the applicant waives the deadline and an extension of time is then granted. This item recommends approval of six charter school applications received during the 2017 cycle. If these applications are approved, these charter schools 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.)

During the 2017 application cycle a total of sixteen (16) applications were received and to date, two applications have been approved by the School Board, two applications have been withdrawn, and twelve (12) are pending School Board action, of which six are being presented in this item.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 9800, *Charter Schools*, six charter school applications are being presented for final consideration by the School Board. An overview of the six charter school applications recommended for approval and the associated ARC recommendations is

contained in the following table. Additional details of the 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.

Table 1: APPLICATIONS					
Type of Application	Proposed Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation	
1.	Standard	Academy for International Education Upper School for Science & Technology	Miami-Dade Foundation for Educational Innovation, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	Municipal	Aventura Charter High School	The City of Aventura		
3.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of Doral Performing Arts and Entertainment Academy, MSID 7009)	Doral School of the Arts	Doral Academy, Inc.		
4.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of International Studies Charter High School, MSID 7007)	International Studies Academy (ISA) High School	International Studies Charter High School, Inc.		
5.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of International Studies Charter Middle School, MSID 6045)	International Studies Academy (ISA) Middle School	International Studies Charter High School, Inc.		
6.	Standard	Mater Academy Brickell Preparatory High School	Mater Academy, Inc.		

*Pursuant to s.1002.33(6), F.S., a "An applicant is considered to be replicating a high-performing charter school if the proposed school is substantially similar to at least one of the applicant's high-performing charter schools and the organization or individuals involved in the establishment and operation of the proposed school are significantly involved in the operation of replicated schools."

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.

A copy of the applications and the associated evaluations 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.

Board approval of this item does not reflect or constitute a finding of need, justification, or endorsement for any charter school as proposed in the item but only that it meets the statutory requirements for Board approval of a charter school application or contract under Section 1002.33, F.S., and School Board Policy, 9800, **Charter Schools**.

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

- A. Approve six new charter school applications and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the applications as approved by the School Board with:
1. Miami-Dade Foundation for Educational Innovation, Inc., d/b/a Academy of International Education Upper School for Science and Technology;
 2. The City of Aventura (Aventura Charter High School);
 3. Doral Academy, Inc., d/b/a Doral School of the Arts (High Performing Replication of Doral Performing Arts and Entertainment Academy, MSID 7009);
 4. International Studies Charter High School, Inc., d/b/a International Studies Academy (ISA) High School (High Performing Replication of International Studies Charter High School, MSID 7007);
 5. International Studies Charter High School, Inc., d/b/a International Studies Academy (ISA) Middle School (High Performing Replication of International Studies Charter Middle School, MSID 6045); and,
 6. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy Brickell Preparatory High School.

Attachment

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

CHARTER APPLICATIONS:

1. Miami-Dade Foundation for Educational Innovation, Inc., d/b/a Academy of International Education Upper School for Science and Technology;
2. The City of Aventura (Aventura Charter High School);
3. Doral Academy, Inc., d/b/a Doral School of the Arts;
4. International Studies Charter High School, Inc., d/b/a International Studies Academy (ISA) High School;
5. International Studies Charter High School, Inc. d/b/a International Studies Academy (ISA) Middle School; and,
6. Mater Academy, Inc. d/b/a Mater Academy Brickell Preparatory High School.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS						
School Information	Proposed School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Founding/ Gov. Board Members
			Proposed Initial Year			
			Initial/ Exp.	Maximum Capacity		
Academy of International Education Upper School for Science and Technology Legal Entity: Miami-Dade Foundation for Educational Innovation, Inc. ESP: Miami-Dade County Public Schools	Miami Springs	5-year	6-9	364	Math and Science	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> • Michael Bell, Board Chair • Carol Ballent, Board Vice Chair • Darleny Gil, Secretary
		2018/2023	6-12	664		
Aventura Charter High School Legal Entity: The City of Aventura ESP: Charter Schools USA	City of Aventura	5-year	9-10	400	None	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> • Enid Weisman, Board Chair/Mayor • Howard Weinberg, Board Member • Linda Marks, Board Member • Denise Landman, Board Member • Robert Shelly, Board Member • Gladys Mezrahi, Board Member • Marc Narotsky, Board Member
		2018/2023	9-12	800		
Doral School of the Arts (High Performing Replication of Doral Performing Arts and Entertainment Academy, MSID 7009) Legal Entity: Doral Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade, LLC	City of Doral	5-year	9-10	300	Performing and Visual Arts	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> • Angela Ramos, Board Chair • Rene Roviroza, Secretary • Kim Guilarte, Board Member
		2018-2023	9-12	600		

CHARTER APPLICATIONS Cont.

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			Proposed Initial Year	Maximum Capacity		
International Studies Academy (ISA) High School (High Performing Replication of International Studies Charter High School, MSID 7007) Legal Entity: International Studies Charter High School, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade, LLC	City of Miami	5-year	9-10	250	Dual Language	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ileana Melian, Board Chair Roger Pardo, Secretary Guillermo Gabarain, Board Member Corinne Pollini, Board Member Jose Purroy, Board Member
		2018/2023	9-12	600		
International Studies Academy (ISA) Middle School (High Performing Replication of International Studies Charter Middle School, MSID 6045) Legal Entity: International Studies Charter High School, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade, LLC	City of Miami	5-year	6-7	257	Dual Language	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ileana Melian, Board Chair Roger Pardo, Secretary Guillermo Gabarain, Board Member Corinne Pollini, Board Member Jose Purroy, Board Member
		2018/2023	6-8	450		
Mater Academy Brickell Preparatory High School Legal Entity: Mater Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade, LLC	City of Miami	5-year	9-10	600	None	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cesar Crousillat, Board Chair Shannie Sadesky, Board Vice Chair Idalia Suarez, Secretary Javier Jerez, Board Member Maurene Sotero, Board Member
		2018-2023	9-12	1,600		