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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KIPP MIAMI, INC., D/B/A KIPP MIAMI SUNRISE ACADEMY

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 five (5) charter schools: Academy for International Education, South Florida Autism Charter School, LBA Construction and Business Management Academy Charter High School, Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, and The SEED 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.

On December 15, 2014, the School Board was awarded the Florida Department of Education's District Charter Collaborative Compact (DCCC) Grant by the Florida Department of Education. The grant was subsequently accepted and approved by the School Board at its February 11, 2015, School Board Meeting, under Agenda Item E-201. A key component of the grant is to develop collaborative partnerships with high performing Charter Management Organizations, such as KIPP, to develop an innovative educational program to serve at-risk students in high needs areas.

KIPP is a national non-profit network of college-preparatory public charter schools serving elementary, middle, and high school students. KIPP has a 20-year track record of preparing students for success in college and life. Currently, KIPP schools educate nearly 80,000 students in 200 schools across 20 states and the District of Columbia targeting underserved areas: KIPP's student population is 97% African-American or Latino and 88% eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch.

Because both the School Board and KIPP share the belief that all children should have access to a high-quality education and that families should be able to choose from a range of educational options, this partnership has the potential to allow the School Board and KIPP to strategically identify and deploy effective educational choice options to students together on the basis of need, equity, and academic value.

At the October 5, 2016 School Board Meeting, under Agenda Item D-66, the School Board approved an application for KIPP Miami to operate a K-5 elementary school to open in Fall 2017, pending successful negotiation of a charter contract. KIPP Miami was granted a deferral to allow the school to open in Fall 2018. At this December 6, 2017, Board Meeting, the School Board will be presented a lease/facilities use agreement for KIPP Miami to co-locate within Poinciana Park Elementary School. KIPP Miami, Inc. is also 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 KIPP Miami, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, d/b/a KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy to provide services that may include: localized support, 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 KIPP Miami, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, d/b/a KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy to provide localized support, 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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