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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF SEVEN NEW CHARTER APPLICATIONS, TWO NEW CHARTER CONTRACTS AND ONE CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT ^{REVISED}

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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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 seven 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.) ^{REVISED}

During the 2017 application cycle a total of sixteen (16) applications were received and to date, six applications have been approved by the School Board (three of which were High Performing Replications), two applications have been withdrawn (one of which was a High Performing Replication), one application is pending, and the remaining seven applications are being presented in this item, (three of which are High Performing Replications). ^{REVISED}

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**, seven charter school applications are being presented for final consideration by the School Board. An overview of the seven 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.				
2.	Standard	AcadeMir Charter School of Math and Science	AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc.	
3.	Municipal	Aventura Charter High School	The City of Aventura	
4.	Standard	Beacon College Prep Middle School	Beacon College Prep, Inc.	
5.	Standard	BridgePrep Academy of Miami Dade	BridgePrep Academy, Inc.	
6.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of Somerset Academy Elementary School - South Miami Campus, MSID 2007)	Somerset Academy Sunset	Somerset Academy, Inc.	Approval Attachment A
7.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of Somerset Academy Middle Elementary School - South Miami Campus, MSID 6053)	Somerset Academy Sunset Middle School	Somerset Academy, Inc.	
8.	High Performing Replication* (Replication of Somerset High School, MSID 7042)	Somerset Academy Sunset High School	Somerset Academy, Inc.	

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*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.”

NEW AND 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**, two new charter contracts and one amended charter contract were required to go before the M-DCPS’ Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC). Additional details for the new charter school contracts recommended for approval can be found in Attachment “B”, and

additional details for the amended charter contract can be found in Attachment “C”. Both Attachments “B” and “C” are provided under separate cover but are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. Those recommendations are as follows:

Table 2: NEW CHARTER CONTRACTS					
Type of Contract		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	5-Year Initial Charter	Downtown Doral Charter Upper School	Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc.	Approval	Attachment B
2.	5-Year Initial Charter	KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy	KIPP Miami, Inc.		

Table 3: CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT					
Type of Amendment		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	Enrollment Increase	AcadeMir Charter School Middle (MSID 6082)	AcadeMir Charter School, Inc.	Approval	Attachment C

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 contracts being presented represent 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 Attachments “B” and “C”.

Table 4: TOTAL INITIAL LOSS						
District Impact	Initial Loss		Initial Loss - Human Capital			
	Total FEFP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non-Instructional Positions	Total Positions
			Core ¹	Non-Core ²		
Downtown Doral Charter Upper School (MSID TBD)	\$454,875	75	3	2	3	8
KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy (MSID TBD)	\$909,750	150	8	2	6	16
AcadeMir Charter School Middle (MSID 6082)	\$661,085	109	5	2	5	12
TOTAL INITIAL LOSS:	\$2,025,710	334	16	6	14	36

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

¹Core includes: elementary education, language arts/reading, mathematics, science, and social science.

²Non-Core includes: electives and all other subject areas and programs.

evaluation and/or 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 applications, evaluations, 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.

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 seven 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:
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 - 2. AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a AcadeMir Charter School of Math and Science;
 - 3. The City of Aventura (Aventura Charter High School); } DELETED
 - 4. Beacon College Prep, Inc., d/b/a Beacon College Prep Middle School;
 - 5. BridgePrep Academy, Inc., d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Miami Dade;
 - 6. Somerset Academy, Inc. d/b/a Somerset Academy Sunset, (High Performing Replication of Somerset Academy Elementary School - South Miami Campus, MSID 2007);
 - 7. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Sunset Middle School, (High Performing Replication of Somerset Academy Middle School - South Miami Campus, MSID 6053); and,
 - 8. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Sunset High School, (High Performing Replication of Somerset High School, (MSID 7042).
- B. Approve two new charter school contracts with:
- 1. Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc., (Downtown Doral Charter Upper School), (a) for a 5 year term, commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023; and (b) to share the facility

located at 8390 NW 53 Street, Doral, FL 33166 (Folio No. 35-3022-007-0090) with Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School (MSID 3002), until their permanent facility is completed.

2. KIPP Miami, Inc., d/b/a KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy, (a) for a 5 year term, commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023, subject to approval of a lease by the School Board; and (b) to change the name of the school from KIPP Miami School to KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy.
- C. Approve one amended charter contract with AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a AcadeMir Charter School Middle to increase student enrollment by 145 students from 255 to 400 students commencing July 1, 2017.
 - D. 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.

Attachments

School Board Agenda Item D-65 ATTACHMENT A

CHARTER APPLICATIONS:

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- 1.
2. AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a AcadeMir Charter School of Math and Science;
3. The City of Aventura (Aventura Charter High School);
4. Beacon College Prep, Inc., d/b/a Beacon College Prep Middle School;
5. BridgePrep Academy, Inc., d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Miami Dade;
6. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Sunset;
7. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Sunset Middle; and
8. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Sunset High.

School Information	Proposed Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Founding/ Gov. Board Members
	Initial/ Exp.	Proposed Initial Year			
		Maximum Capacity			
<i>AcadeMir Charter School of Math and Science</i> Legal Entity: AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc. Proposed ESP: Superior Charter School Services, Inc.	5-year	K-5	394	Math and Science	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander Casas, Board Chair • Dr. Tirso Alonso, Vice Chair • Joanna Pino, Secretary/Treasurer • Sonia Alfaro, Board Member • Ruben Perez, Board Member
	2018 - 2023	K-5	650		
<i>Aventura Charter High School</i> Legal Entity: The City of Aventura Proposed ESP: Charter Schools USA	5-year	9-10	400	N/A	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enid Weisman, Board Chair/Mayor • Howard Weinberg, Board Member • Dr. 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		
<i>Beacon College Prep Middle School</i> Legal Entity: Beacon College Prep, Inc. Proposed ESP: N/A	5-year	6	110	N/A	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeffrey Miller, Board Chair • Melissa Krinzman, Secretary • Octavio Verdeja, Treasurer • Patrick Range, Board Member
	2018 - 2023	6-8	330		
<i>BridgePrep Academy of Miami Dade</i> Legal Entity: BridgePrep Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: S.M.A.R.T. Management, LLC	5-year	K-6	348	Extended Foreign Language	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luis Necuze, Board Chair • Yeneir Rodriguez-Padron, Treasurer • Lou LoFranco, Secretary • Jessica Jewett, Board Member
	2018 - 2023	K-8	1,000		

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School Information	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Focus/ Theme	Founding/ Gov. Board Members
		Proposed Initial Year			
	Initial/ Exp.	Maximum Capacity			
Somerset Academy Sunset <i>(High Performing Replication of Somerset Academy Elementary School - South Miami Campus, MSID 2007)</i> Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: Academica Dade, LLC	5-year	K-5	444	N/A	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lourdes Isla, Board Chair • Todd German, Vice Chair / Treasurer • Ana Diaz, Secretary • Jenny Equijarosa, Board Member • Tony Morales, Board Member • David Concepcion, Board Member • George B. Ozuna, Board Member • Louis J. Marin, Board Member
	2018 - 2023	K-5	768		
Somerset Academy Sunset Middle School <i>(High Performing Replication of Somerset Academy Middle School, MSID 6045)</i> Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: Academica Dade, LLC	5-year	6-7	330	N/A	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lourdes Isla, Board Chair • Todd German, Vice Chair / Treasurer • Ana Diaz, Secretary • Jenny Equijarosa, Board Member • Tony Morales, Board Member • David Concepcion, Board Member • George B. Ozuna, Board Member • Louis J. Marin, Board Member
	2018 - 2023	6-8	660		
Somerset Academy Sunset High School <i>(High Performing Replication of Somerset High School, MSID 7042)</i> Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: Academica Dade, LLC	5-year	9-10	500	N/A	<u>Governing Board Members:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lourdes Isla, Board Chair • Todd German, Vice Chair / Treasurer • Ana Diaz, Secretary • Jenny Equijarosa, Board Member • Tony Morales, Board Member • David Concepcion, Board Member • George B. Ozuna, Board Member • Louis J. Marin, Board Member
	2018 - 2023	9-12	1,000		

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ATTACHMENT B**

NEW CHARTER CONTRACTS:

1. Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc. (Downtown Doral Charter Upper School); and
2. KIPP Miami, Inc., d/b/a/ KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy.

NEW CHARTER CONTRACT								
School Information	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2018-19 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/ Exp.	Projected Enrollment				Revenue Positions	
			Maximum Capacity	Instr.			Non-Instr.	
Downtown Doral Charter Upper School Legal Entity: Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc. Proposed ESP: Miami-Dade County Public Schools	8390 NW 53 St., Doral, FL 33166	5 years	6	100	Recommended Action(s): (a) Approve a new charter school contract for a 5 year term, commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023; and, (b) share the facility located at 8390 NW 53 Street, Doral, FL 33166 (Folio No. 35-3022-007-0090) with Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School [MSID 3002] until their permanent facility is completed.	Doral Central Region Castillo VD 5	\$454,875	
	John I Smith K-8 Center; Ruben Dario Middle School; and, Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Sr. High School.	2018 - 2023	6-12	1,070			5	3
KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy Legal Entity: KIPP Miami, Inc. Proposed ESP: Miami-Dade County Public Schools District/Charter Collaborative Partnership	6745 NW 23 Ave., Miami, FL 33147	5 years	K-5	200	Recommended Action(s): (a) approve a new charter school contract for a 5 year term, commencing July 1, 2018; and, ending June 30, 2023, subject to approval of a lease by the School Board; and (b) to change the name of the school from KIPP Miami School to KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy.	Miami Central Region Bendross-Mindingall VD 2	\$909,750	
	Brownsville Middle School; and, Miami Northwestern Sr. High School.	2018 - 2023	K-5	640			10	6
Total 2018-2019 Instructional Positions:							15	
Total 2018-2019 Non-Instructional Positions:							9	
TOTAL 2018-2019 POSITIONS:							24	

Initial Year Loss (2018-2019 SY): The revenue and positions indicated as "Initial Year Loss" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$1,364,625) instructional staffing (15 positions), and non-instructional staffing (9 positions). The loss of revenue is based on 95% of FERP funds per student and 75% of the initial year enrollment projection that the District will not realize for the current fiscal year.

Copies of the contracts will be 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, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132, Room 158.

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

CHARTER AMENDMENT:

1. AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a AcadeMir Charter School Middle (MSID 6082).

CHARTER AMENDMENT									
School Information	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Enrollment	2016 School Grade/Rating	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2018-19 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Beg./Exp.	Current Enrollment					Revenue Positions	
			Maximum Capacity					Instr.	Non-Instr.
AcadeMir Charter School Middle (MSID 6082) Legal Entity: AcadeMir Charter School, Inc. ESP: Superior Charter School	5800 SW 135 Ave., Miami, FL 33183	5 years	6-8	255	A	Recommended Action(s): • Increase student enrollment by 145 students from 255 to 400 students commencing July 1, 2017.	Unincorporated Dade South Region Perez VD 8	\$661,085	
	Bent Tree Elementary School; Royal Green Elementary School; Howard D. McMillan Middle School; and, Miami Sunset Senior High School.	2017-2022	6-8	400				7	5
Total 2018-2019 Instructional Positions:								7	
Total 2018-2019 Non-Instructional Positions:								5	
TOTAL 2018-2019 POSITIONS:								12	

Initial Year Loss (2018-2019 SY): The revenue and positions indicated as “Initial Year Loss” provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District’s General Fund (\$661,085) instructional staffing (7 positions), and non-instructional staffing (5 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.

Copies of the this contract will be 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, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132, Room 158.