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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT, SIX CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, AND ONE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWAL**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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**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**, one new charter contract, six amended charter contracts, and one charter contract renewal are presented for consideration in this item. Additional details for the new charter school contract recommended for approval can be found in Attachment “A”, additional details for the amended charter contracts can be found in Attachment “B”, and additional details for the charter contract renewal can be found in Attachment “C”. All attachments are provided under separate cover but are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. Those recommendations are as follows:

Table 1: NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT					
Type of Contract		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	5-Year Initial charter/Name change (High-Performing Replication of Somerset Academy Elementary (South Miami), MSID 2007)*	Somerset Academy Sunset	Somerset Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A

*\*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.”*

Table 2: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS					
Type of Amendment		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	Merger and name change of the legal entity	C.G. Bethel High School (MSID 7062)	New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade County, Inc.	Approval	Attachment B
2.	Merger and name change of the legal entity	Chambers High School (MSID 7065)			
3.	(High Performing*) Modify grade level configuration and increase enrollment at the satellite campus	Somerset Academy (MSID 0520)	Somerset Academy, Inc.		
4.	(High Performing*) Enrollment increase	Somerset Academy (Silver Palms) (MSID 0332)			

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Table 2: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS					
	Type of Amendment	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
5.	(High Performing*) Add a permanent location / Name change	Somerset Preparatory Academy at Silver Palms (MSID 4012)	Somerset Academy, Inc.	Approval	Attachment B
6.	Merger and name change of the legal entity	The Charter School at Waterstone (MSID 1010)	The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc.		

\*Pursuant to s.1002.33, F.S., "high performing" is a designation, made by the Commission of Education for certain charter schools that allows them to increase enrollment, expand grade levels, submit quarterly rather than monthly financial reports, consolidate charters, and/or modify charter term up to 15 years. Recent changes in legislation also allow a high-performing charter school to increase enrollment beyond the contract capacity, but not to exceed the capacity of the facility at the time enrollment will take effect.

### **CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWALS**

Section 1002.33(7)(b), F.S., states that a charter may be renewed provided that a program review demonstrates that the significant components of the charter application have been successfully accomplished and that none of the following grounds for nonrenewal/termination have been established: (1) failure to participate in the state's education accountability system or failure to meet the requirements for students performance stated in the charter; (2) failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management; (3) violation of law; and/or (4) other good cause.

Additional details for the renewal contract can be found in Attachment "C", which is provided under separate cover but is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. The recommendation for the charter school contract renewal included in this item is as follows:

Table 3: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWALS					
	Type of Contract	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	5-Year Renewal	Miami Community Charter School (MSID 0102)	Miami Community 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 new contracts being presented represent an increase in overall charter school enrollment and an anticipated initial loss to the District for the 2018-2019 SY.

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 "A" and "B".

Table 4: TOTAL INITIAL LOSS (2018-19 SY)						
District Impact	Initial Loss		Initial Loss - Human Capital			
	Total FEFP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non-Instructional Positions	Total Positions
			Core <sup>1</sup>	Non-Core <sup>2</sup>		
New Contract (1)	\$1,535,402	253	14	2	11	27
Amendment (2)	\$4,420,364	713	38	9	29	76
<b>TOTAL INITIAL LOSS:</b>	<b>\$5,955,766</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>103</b>

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

<sup>2</sup>Non-Core includes: electives and all other subject areas and programs.

## **DUE PROCESS**

To ensure proper notice and due process, the applicants and non-profit entities were noticed of the Superintendent's recommendation to the School Board and were provided a copy of the contract prior to the School Board Meeting. They were also informed of the School Board's Personnel, Student, School and Community Support Committee Meeting and procedures for requesting to appear before the School Board at meetings and public hearings.

Copies of the 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 one new charter school contract with Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Sunset, to (a) approve an initial charter contract for a 5-year term and, (b) change the school's name from Somerset Academy Sunset to Somerset Academy Kendall commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023.
- B. Approve six charter school contract amendments with:
  1. New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., d/b/a C.G. Bethel High School (MSID 7062), to approve (a) the merger of New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., New Alternative Education High School of Broward County, Inc., and New Alternative Education High School of Palm Beach County, Inc., and, (b) the name change of the legal entity from New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., to NorthStar Academies, Inc., d/b/a C.G. Bethel High School commencing July 26, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019;
  2. New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., d/b/a Chambers High School (MSID 7065), to approve (a) the merger of New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., New Alternative Education High School of Broward County, Inc., and New Alternative Education High School of Palm Beach County, Inc., and, (b) the name change of the legal entity from New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., to NorthStar Academies,

Inc., d/b/a Chambers High School commencing July 26, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019;

3. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy (MSID 0520), to (a) for the satellite campus, modify the grade level configuration and enrollment to Kindergarten and First Grade only, with a maximum enrollment of 216 students, for the 2018-19 School Year (thereby increasing the overall maximum enrollment to 1,021 students) and Kindergarten to Second Grade with a maximum of 305 students only, during the 2019-20 school year (thereby increasing the overall maximum enrollment to 1,110 students); (b) close and cease operations of the satellite campus by June 30, 2020 and revert the enrollment back to the maximum capacity of 805 students; (c) for students enrolled and attending the satellite campus, establish an additional administrative fee to be paid to the Sponsor in the same manner as the fee paid for the Main Campus; (d) require the School to execute and maintain documentation of the Satellite Campus Parent Acknowledgement Form; and (e) require the School to maintain documentation of student registration, student daily attendance, and class schedules for students housed at the satellite campus .
4. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy (Silver Palms) (MSID 0332), under Section 1002.331(2), F.S., **High-Performing Charter Schools**, to increase the student enrollment by 735 students a maximum enrollment of 2,000 students, commencing July 26, 2018, and ending June 30, 2032;
5. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Preparatory Academy at Silver Palms (MSID 4012), to (a) relocate to a permanent facility located at 13355 S.W. 248<sup>th</sup> Street (Folio No. 30-6923-001-0090); 13390 S.W. 248<sup>th</sup> Street (Folio No. 30-6926-000-1180); 13395 S.W. 248<sup>th</sup> Street (Folio No. 30-6923-001-0100); and Physical Address TBD for Folio Nos. 30-6923-001-0020 and 30-6923-001-0082, and (b) change the school's name from Somerset Preparatory Academy at Silver Palms to Somerset Academy Silver Palms at Princeton commencing July 26, 2018 and ending June 30, 2030; and,
6. The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc., d/b/a The Charter School at Waterstone (MSID 1010), to approve (a) the merger of The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc., and Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., and, (b) the name change of the legal entity from The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc., to Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., d/b/a The Charter School at Waterstone commencing July 26, 2018, and ending June 30, 2025.

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- C. Approve one charter school contract renewal with Miami Community Charter School, Inc., d/b/a Miami Community Charter School (MSID 0102), to renew the charter contract for a 5-year term, commencing August 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023.
- 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**

**NEW CHARTER CONTRACTS:**

- Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Sunset.

NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS								
School Information	School Location	Term	Initial Year		Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2018-19 SY	
			Grade Levels	Enrollment			Revenue Positions	
	@ Maximum Capacity		Instr.	Non-Instr.				
	Feeder Pattern	Initial/Exp.					Projected Enrollment	Maximum Capacity
Somerset Academy Sunset (High-Performing Replication of Somerset Academy Elementary (South Miami), MSID 2007)  Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc.  Proposed ESP: Academica, LLC	9790 S.W. 107 <sup>th</sup> Ct. Miami, Florida 33176	5 years	K-5	337	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> (i.) Approve an initial charter school contract for a 5-year term, commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023; and (ii.) change the school's name from Somerset Academy Sunset to Somerset Academy Kendall, commencing July 26, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023.  <b>Additional Information:</b> Facility/location formerly housed Advantage Academy Santa Fe K-5 (3025), which closed June 30, 2018.	Unincorporated (Kendall)  South Region  Navarro VD 7	\$1,535,402	
	Gloria Floyd Elem.; Kendale Elem.; W. Lehman Elem.; Snapper Creek Elem.; Sunset Park Elem.; Devon Aire K-8; Kenwood K-8; Leewood K-8; Arvida MS; Glades MS; and Miami Killian SH.	2018-2023	K-5	337			16	11
Total 2018-2019 Instructional Positions:							16	
Total 2018-2019 Non-Instructional Positions:							11	
TOTAL 2018-2019 POSITIONS:							27	

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 (\$1,535,402) instructional staffing (16 positions), and non-instructional staffing (11 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.

Copy of the 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.

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**CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade County, Inc., d/b/a C.G. Bethel High School (MSID 7062);
2. New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade County, Inc., d/b/a Chambers High School (MSID 7065);
3. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy (MSID 0520);
4. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy (Silver Palms) (MSID 0332);
5. Somerset Preparatory Academy at Silver Palms (MSID 4012); and
6. The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc., d/b/a The Charter School at Waterstone (MSID 1010).

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CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS									
School Information	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Current Enrollment	2018 School Grade/Rating	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2018-2019 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Beg. / Exp.		Maximum Capacity				Revenue Positions	
			Instr.					Non-Instr.	
<b>C. G. Bethel High School (MSID 7062)</b>  Legal Entity: New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc.  ESP: Edison Learning, Inc.	16150 N.E. 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Nth M. Beach, FL 33162	5 years	9-12	433	Maintaining	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> Approve (i.) the merger of New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., merger of New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., New Alternative Education High School of Broward County, Inc., and New Alternative Education High School of Palm Beach County, Inc., and, (ii.) the name change of the legal entity from New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., to NorthStar Academies, Inc., d/b/a C.G. Bethel High School commencing July 26, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019;	City of North Miami Beach  North Region  Karp VD 3	N/A	
	Fulford Elem.; GKE/Sabal Palm Elem.; Greynolds Park Elem.; J. F. Kennedy MS; and North Miami Beach SH.	2014 - 2019		550				N/A	N/A
<b>Chambers High School (MSID 7065)</b>  Legal Entity: New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc.  ESP: Edison Learning, Inc.	698 N. Homestead Blvd. Homestead, FL 33030	5 years	9-12	496	Commendable	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> Approve (i.) the merger of New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., New Alternative Education High School of Broward County, Inc., and New Alternative Education High School of Palm Beach County, Inc., and, (ii.) the name change of the legal entity from New Alternative Education High School of Miami-Dade, Inc., to NorthStar Academies, Inc., d/b/a Chambers High School commencing July 26, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019;	City of Homestead  South Region  Feldman VD 9	N/A	
	Avocado Elem.; W. A. Chapman Elem.; Redland Elem.; Redondo Elem.; W. Homestead K-8; S. Dade MS; Homestead MS; Redland MS; and S. Dade SH.	2014 - 2019		550				N/A	N/A

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School Information	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Current Enrollment	2018 School Grade/Rating	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2018-2019 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Beg. / Exp.		Maximum Capacity				Revenue Positions	
			Instr.					Non-Instr.	
<b>Somerset Academy – High Performing</b>  (MSID 0520)  Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica, LLC	18491 S.W. 134 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Miami, FL 33177	15 years	K-5	660	A	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b>  Approve (i.) for the satellite campus, temporarily modify the grade level configuration and enrollment to Kindergarten and First Grade only, with a maximum enrollment of 216 students, for the 2018-19 School Year (thereby increasing the overall maximum enrollment to 1,021 students) and Kindergarten to Second Grade with a maximum of 305 students only, during the 2019-20 school year (thereby increasing the overall maximum enrollment to 1,110 students); (ii.) close and cease operations of the satellite campus by June 30, 2020 and revert the enrollment back to the maximum capacity of 805 students; (iii.) for students enrolled and attending the satellite campus, establish an additional administrative fee to be paid to the Sponsor in the same manner as the fee paid for the Main Campus; (iv.) require the School to execute and maintain documentation of the Satellite Campus Parent Acknowledgement Form; and (v.) require the School to maintain documentation of student registration, student daily attendance, and class schedules for students housed at the satellite campus.	Unincorporated (Redland)  South Region  Navarro VD 7	\$982,530	
	19701 S.W. 127 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Miami, FL 33177			805				11	7
<b>Somerset Academy (Silver Palms) – High Performing</b>  (MSID 0332)  Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica, LLC	23255 S.W. 115 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Homestead, FL 33032	15 years	K-8	791	A	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b>  Under Section 1002.331(2), F.S., <b>High-Performing Charter Schools</b> , to increase the student enrollment by 735 students, from 1,265 students to a maximum enrollment of 2,000 students, commencing July 26, 2018, and ending on June 30, 2032.	Unincorporated (South Bay)  South Region  Feldman VD 9	\$3,437,834	
	L. C. Saunders Elem.; FL City Elem.; Air Base K-8; Campbell Dr. K-8; C. Palm K-8; Irving & B. Peskoe K-8; Leisure City K-8; Mandarin Lakes K-8; and Homestead SH.	2017 – 2032		1,265				36	22

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CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS									
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	Feeder Pattern	Beg. / Exp.		Maximum Capacity				Revenue Positions	
			Instr.					Non-Instr.	
<b>Somerset Preparatory Academy at Silver Palms – High Performing</b>  (MSID 4012)  Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica, LLC	23255 S.W. 115 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Homestead, FL 33032	15 years	K-8	754	A	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> Approve to (i.) relocate to a permanent facility located at 13355 S.W. 248 <sup>th</sup> St. (Folio No. 30-6923-001-0090); 13390 S.W. 248 <sup>th</sup> St. (Folio No. 30-6926-000-1180); 13395 S.W. 248 <sup>th</sup> St. (Folio No. 30-6923-001-0100); and Physical Address TBD for Folio Nos. 30-6923-001-0020 and 30-6923-001-0082; and (ii.) change the school's name from Somerset Prep. Acad. at Silver Palms to Somerset Acad. Silver Palms at Princeton, commencing July 26, 2018, and ending June 30, 2030.	Unincorporated (South Bay)  South Region  Feldman VD 9	N/A	
	L. C. Saunders Elem.; FL City Elem.; Air Base K-8; Campbell Dr. K-8; Coconut Palm K-8; Irving & B. Peskoe K-8; Leisure City K-8; Mandarin Lakes K-8; and Homestead SH.	2015 – 2030		900				N/A	N/A
<b>The Charter School at Waterstone</b> (MSID 1010)  Legal Entity: The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc.  ESP: Charter School Associates, Inc.	855 Waterstone Way Homestead, FL 33033	15 years	K-8	901	B	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> Approve (i.) the merger of The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc., and Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.; and (ii.) change the legal entity's name from The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc. to Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., commencing with July 26, 2018, and ending June 30, 2025.	City of Homestead  South Region  Feldman VD 9	N/A	
	L. C. Saunders Elem.; FL City Elem.; Air Base K-8; Campbell Dr. K-8; Coconut Palm K-8; Gateway Environmental K-8; Irving & B. Peskoe K-8; Leisure City K-8; Mandarin Lakes K-8; and Homestead SH.	2010 - 2025		1,150				N/A	N/A
Total 2018-2019 Instructional Positions:								47	
Total 2018-2019 Non-Instructional Positions:								29	
TOTAL 2018-2019 POSITIONS:								76	

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 (\$4,420,364) instructional staffing (47 positions), and non-instructional staffing (29 positions). The loss of revenue is based on 95% of FEP funds per student and 75% of the initial year enrollment projection that the District will not realize for the current fiscal year.

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**School Board Agenda Item D-65  
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**CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWAL:**

1. Miami Community Charter School, Inc., d/b/a Miami Community Charter School (MSID 0102).

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWALS									
School Information	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Current Enrollment	2018 School Grade / Rating	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT 2018-2019 SY	
	Feeder Pattern	Beg. / Exp.		Maximum Capacity				Revenue Positions	
								Instr.	Non-Instr.
<b>Miami Community Charter School (MSID 0102)</b>  Legal Entity: Miami Community Charter School, Inc.  ESP: N/A	101 S. Redland Road FL City, FL 33034	13 months	K-5	523	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommended Action(s):</b> Approve the renewal of the charter contract for a 5-year term, commencing August 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023.</li> <li>• <b>Special Provision:</b> Annual submission of School Improvement Plan, inclusive of mutually agreed upon mission-specific goals.</li> </ul>	Florida City  South Region  Feldman VD 9	N/A	
	L. C. Saunders Elem.; FL City Elem.; Air Base K-8; Campbell Dr. K-8; Coconut Palm K-8; Irving & B. Peskoe K-8; Leisure City K-8; Mandarin Lakes K-8; and Homestead SH.	July 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018		600				N/A	N/A

Copies of the renewed 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.