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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ONE RENEWAL CURRICULUM SUPPORT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ALPHA CHARTER OF EXCELLENCE, INC. ON BEHALF OF ALPHA CHARTER OF EXCELLENCE, AND TWO NEW CURRICULUM SUPPORT SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH YOUTH CO-OP, INC. ON BEHALF OF YOUTH CO-OP CHARTER SCHOOL, AND WITH ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC. ON BEHALF OF ASPIRA RAUL ARNALDO MARTINEZ CHARTER SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, 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 seven (7) 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, Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, The SEED School of Miami, and KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy.

The District has been providing curriculum support services to a self-managed charter school, Alpha Charter of Excellence, through annual agreements since August 2015. The school has improved a letter grade for the first two years and sustained a 'C' in the third year of the agreement. Curriculum support services include, but are not limited to, regular school-site visits by instructional coaches in math and reading, access to district professional development offerings and coaches' meetings, topic assessments, and student data reports.

Alpha Charter of Excellence, located in Little Havana, was founded in 2012 and serves 318 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The founders and governing board members are also members of the Cuban American National Council, Inc., and the school is self-managed. The school seeks to renew its contract with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for curriculum support services to improve student academic performance. The school requests that the District continue to provide curriculum support services for the 2018-2019 school year.

Youth Co-Op Charter School, located in Hialeah, was founded in 1998 and serves 977 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The school is governed by an independent Board of Directors, and the school is self-managed. The school seeks to enter into a contract with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for curriculum support services to improve student academic performance. The school requests that the District provide curriculum support services for the 2018-2019 school year.

Aspira Raul Arnaldo Martinez Charter School, located in North Miami, was founded in 1999 and serves 403 students in sixth through ninth grade. The school is governed by the same Board that oversees Aspira of Florida, which offers Youth Leadership Development programming as well as two additional charter schools. The school seeks to enter into a contract with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for curriculum support services to improve student academic performance. The school requests that the District provide curriculum support services for the 2018-2019 school year.

This Item requests that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute one renewal curriculum support service agreement with Alpha Charter of Excellence, Inc. on behalf of Alpha Charter of Excellence and two new curriculum support service agreements with Youth Co-Op, Inc. on behalf of Youth Co-Op Preparatory High School and with Aspira of Florida, Inc. on behalf of Aspira Raul Arnaldo Martinez Charter School 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.

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 one renewal curriculum support service agreement with Alpha Charter of Excellence, Inc. on behalf of Alpha Charter of Excellence and two new curriculum support service agreements with Youth Co-Op, Inc. on behalf of Youth Co-Op Preparatory High School and with Aspira of Florida, Inc. on behalf of Aspira Raul Arnaldo Martinez Charter School 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.