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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE (1) ONE RENEWAL CURRICULUM SUPPORT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ALPHA CHARTER OF EXCELLENCE, INC. ON BEHALF OF ALPHA CHARTER OF EXCELLENCE; AND (2) TWO NEW CURRICULUM SUPPORT SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH BEACON COLLEGE PREP, INC. ON BEHALF OF BEACON COLLEGE PREP AND BEACON COLLEGE PREP MIDDLE 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, Academy for International Education Upper School for Science and Technology, South Florida Autism Charter School, Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, The SEED School of Miami, and KIPP Miami Sunrise Academy.

Since August 2015, the District has been providing curriculum support services to Alpha Charter of Excellence through annual agreements. Since that time, the school's letter grade has improved from an 'F' in 2015 to a 'B' in 2019. For the 2019-2020 school year, the school seeks curriculum support services for their gifted and talented population as well as guidance services for all students. Services include, but are not limited to, updating student Educational Plans, test coordination, and support and coaching for teachers of the gifted. Guidance counseling services will support concerns as they relate to truancy, academics, behavior, social/emotional health, as well as facilitating one-on-one/small group sessions.

Alpha Charter of Excellence is a self-managed charter school located in Little Havana. Founded in 2012, the school serves 320 students in grades K-5. Both the founders and

the governing board are members of the Cuban American National Council, Inc. For the 2019-2020 school year, the school seeks to renew its agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for curriculum support services.

Beacon College Prep and Beacon College Prep Middle School are located in Opa-Locka. Founded in 2014 and 2018 respectively, both schools are self-managed and governed by an independent Board of Directors. The elementary school serves 450 students in grades K-5 while the middle school serves 210 students in grades 6-8. In 2019, both schools received a grade of 'D'. Beacon College Prep and Beacon College Prep Middle School seek to enter into contracts with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for curriculum support services to improve student academic performance. 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. The schools' request that the District provide curriculum support services for the 2019-2020 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 Beacon College Prep Inc. on behalf of Beacon College Prep and Beacon College Prep Middle School, with an option to renew, for a mutually agreed upon 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 Beacon College Prep, Inc. on behalf of Beacon College Prep and Beacon College Prep Middle School, with an option to renew, for a mutually agreed upon fee of up to 10% of funds received by the school through the Florida Education Finance Program per student Full Time Equivalent per year.

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