Office of Superintendent of Schools Board Meeting of July 15, 2020

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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE: (1) AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES AND FEES FOR DOWNTOWN DORAL CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, INC., D/B/A DOWNTOWN DORAL CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND (2) AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES AND FEES WITH DOWNTOWN DORAL CHARTER UPPER SCHOOL, INC., D/B/A DOWNTOWN DORAL CHARTER UPPER 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.

Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School is the District's first ground-up, District-managed charter school. The school provides students with a comprehensive dual language curriculum and bicultural/bilingual education through language acquisition and innovative programs. Since its inception in August 2015, Downtown Doral Charter Elementary has achieved an "A" every school year. Academic success has garnered the school "high-performing" distinction under section 1002.331(2)(e), F.S. At the May 2020 Board meeting, the School Board approved the renewal of the school's charter for 15 years, commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2035.

To expand on the success of the elementary school model, the governing board submitted a charter school application to open a secondary school to serve students in grades 6 - 12. The application for Downtown Doral Charter Upper School was approved at the December 2017 Board meeting for a five-year term, ending June 30, 2023. Opening in fall 2018 with 100 sixth grade students, Downtown Doral Charter Upper School earned an "A" for the 2018-2019 school year. During the 2019-2020 school year, the school served over 900 students in grades 6 - 10.

The governing boards of Downtown Doral Charter Upper School and Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School seek to amend the charter school management services and fees provided to the school by Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Office of Innovation and School Choice. Proposed amendments will only impact services pertaining to financial management as both schools have opted to move a portion of the services – the oversight of the bill payment function – to the respective school sites.

Areas of support services will include regulatory compliance, financial management (excluding bill pay responsibilities), head of school/principal support, school operations, and governance and human resource coordination. The per student management fee will be reduced in accordance with the reduction in financial services. Additional services, including but not limited to food services and informational technology services, may be provided under separate contracts at cost.

This item requests that the Board authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute: (1) an amendment to the charter school management agreement for services and fees for Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, for the term of the current charter contract, for a reduced per student management fee in accordance with the reduction in financial management services. Additional services may be provided under separate contract at cost; (2) an amendment to the charter school management agreement for services and fees with Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Doral Charter upper School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc., on the remainder of the term of the current charter contract, for a reduced per student management fee in accordance with the reduction in financial management services. Additional se

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:

- An amendment to the charter school management agreement for services and fees for Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Doral Charter Elementary School, for the term of the current charter contract, for a reduced per student management fee in accordance with the reduction in financial management services provided by the District; and
- 2) An amendment to the charter school management agreement for services and fees with Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, for the remainder of the term of the current charter contract, for a reduced per student management fee in accordance with the reduction in financial management services provided by the District.