

School Operations
Dr. John D. Pace III, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THREE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, THREE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS, TWO CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL CONTRACTS, AND FIVE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

CHARTER SCHOOL 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 charter schools to be opened at a time determined by the applicant. M-DCPS then submits the applications with a recommendation for approval or denial by the School Board. Section 1002.33(6)(b)(3)(a), F.S., requires that the School Board, as the Sponsor, approve or deny the applications no later than 90 calendar days after receipt, unless the Sponsor and the applicant mutually agree in writing to temporarily postpone the vote.

CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION EVALUATION

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools* (Policy 9800), the District reviews all applications using an evaluation instrument developed by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and may request additional information to assess the applicant's capacity. The FLDOE Standard Model Application includes standards of evaluation, certification and assurance declarations, and an Applicant History Addendum.

Policy 9800 requires the Superintendent to convene the charter school Application Review Committee (ARC) to meet publicly and conduct final reviews of charter school applications and to provide the Superintendent with a recommendation for presentation to the School Board. The ARC met and identified strengths and/or deficiencies in the written application, as well as areas that required clarification to fully evaluate the quality of the application and the capacity of the applicant to properly implement the proposed plan. Pursuant to Policy 9800, the charter school applications and associated evaluations are being presented for final approval or denial by the School Board as set forth herein.

For the 2022 Application Cycle, the District has received six (6) applications, to date. Of these six, two (2) were approved by the School Board at the January 12, 2022, school board meeting. One (1) application was withdrawn by the applicant and the pending three (3) charter school applications are being presented for consideration in this item. These charter school applications, if approved, have proposed to open for the 2022-2023 school year.

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It is important to note that pursuant to section 1002.33(6)(b)(5), F.S., upon written notice at least 30 calendar days before the first day of school, approved applicants may defer the opening of the school's operation for up to three years to provide time for adequate facility planning; therefore, any deferral options for these applications would expire August 1, 2025. Additional details of the charter school applications are contained in Table 1. These applications and evaluations can be accessed through the links provided on page 5. The attachments and links are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 1: CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS						
#	School Information	Proposed Term	Grade Levels	Student Enrollment	Type of Application	Founding/ Gov. Board Members
		Initial/ Exp.	Initial Year	Proposed Initial Year	Proposed Geographic Area	
			Maximum Grades Served	Maximum Capacity		
1	AcadeMir Charter School East Middle Legal Entity: AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc. Proposed ESP: Superior Charter School Services, Inc. ARC: April 5, 2022	5 Years	6 th	66	High Performing Replication of MSID 6082	Alexander Casas, Chairperson; Dr. Tirso Alonso, Vice Chair; Joanna Pino, Secretary/Treasurer; Ruben Perez, Board Member; and Michael J. Rodriguez, Board Member
	2022-2027	6 th -8 th	300	Doral		
2	AcadeMir Middle School of Math and Science Legal Entity: AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc. Proposed ESP: Superior Charter School Services, Inc. ARC: April 5, 2022	5 Years	6 th	66	High Performing Replication of MSID 6082	
	2022-2027	6 th -8 th	300	Homestead		
3	Bridge Prep Academy of Village Green Middle High School Legal Entity: BridgePrep Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: S.M.A.R.T Management ARC: April 5, 2022	5 Years	6 th -12 th	712	Standard	
	2022-2027	6 th -12 th	1,541	Kendall		

NEW AND RENEWAL CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS

Section 1002.33(7), F.S., outlines the issues involved in the operation of charter schools to 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 Policy 9800, three (3) new contracts and two (2) renewal contracts are being presented for consideration in this item.

Policy 9800 requires that the Superintendent convene the Contract Review Committee (CRC) to meet publicly and negotiate initial charter school contracts and renewal contracts for presentation to the School Board for their final dispensation. An overview of the contracts being presented in this item can be found in Table 2 and Table 3. Additional details for each of these contracts may be found in Attachment A and Attachment B, respectively. These contracts can be accessed through the links provided on page 5. The attachments and links are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 2: NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS					
Type of Contract		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	Standard 5-year term	Aspire Preparatory Academy (MSID 0403)	Aspire Preparatory Academy, Inc.	N/A	Attachment A
2.	Standard 5-year term	Brightview Preparatory Academy (MSID 5056)	Brightview Preparatory Academy, Corp.	N/A	
3.	Standard 5-year term	True North Classical Academy at Pinecrest (MSID 1019)	True North Classical Academy, Inc.	Approval	

Table 3: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWALS					
Renewal Contracts		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	High Performing* 15-year renewal term	AcadeMir Charter School Middle (MSID 6082)	AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc.	N/A	Attachment B
2.	Standard 5-year renewal term	Everglades Preparatory Academy (MSID 5006)	Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.	Approval	

* Pursuant to s. 1002.331(2), F.S., "high performing" is a designation, made by the Commission of Education for certain charter schools, which provides certain authority for the school 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.

AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS

Section 1002.33(7)(d), F.S., indicates that a charter may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor or the charter school's governing board and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

Policy 9800 requires that the Superintendent convene the Contract Review Committee (CRC) to meet publicly and negotiate any substantive amendments to charter school contracts for presentation to the School Board for their final consideration.

Pursuant to the law and School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, five (5) amended charter school contracts are being presented for consideration in this item, as contained in Table 4. Additional details for each of these amended contracts may be found in Attachment C. These contracts can be accessed through the links provided on page 5. The attachments and links are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 4: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS					
Type of Amendment		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
1.	Enrollment Increase *High Performing School	Doral Academy Charter Middle School (MSID 6030)	Doral Academy, Inc.	N/A	Attachment C
2.	Enrollment Increase *High Performing School	Doral Academy of Technology (MSID 3029)	Doral Academy, Inc.		

Type of Amendment		Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
3.	Enrollment Increase *High Performing School	Doral Academy High School (MSID 7020)	Doral Academy, Inc.	N/A	Attachment C
4.	Enrollment Increase *High Performing School	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment (MSID 7009)	Doral Academy, Inc.		
5.	Name Change (Administrative Amendment)	South Point Scholars Academy (MSID 5836)	South Point Scholars Academy, Inc.		

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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 three new contracts and four of the five amended contracts are being included in the analysis of Total Loss as they present a potential increase in overall charter school enrollment or an anticipated loss to the District.

District Impact	Total Loss – FTE		Total Loss – Human Capital			
	Total FEFP Revenue (\$)	Projected Charter FTE (#)	Instructional Positions		Non-Instructional Positions	Total Positions
			Core ¹	Non-Core ²		
New Charter School Contracts (3)	\$8,519,598	1,372	72	19	55	146
Amended Charter School Contracts (4)	\$752,060	124	7	2	6	15
TOTAL LOSS:	\$9,271,658	1,496	79	21	61	161

Initial Year Loss (2022-2023 SY): The revenue and positions indicated as "District Impact" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$9,271,658) instructional staffing (100 positions), and non-instructional staffing (61 positions). The loss of revenue is based on 95% of FEFP funds per student and 75% of the enrollment projection that the District will not realize.

DUE PROCESS

To ensure proper notice and due process, the non-profit, legal entity was noticed of the Superintendent's recommendations to the School Board and was provided a copy of the application evaluations and the charter contracts prior to the School Board Meeting.

Copies of the applications, application evaluations, and charter school contracts can be accessed electronically at the links below 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.

LINKS:

[Applications and Evaluations](#)

[New Charter School Contracts](#)

[Renewal Charter School Contracts](#)

[Amended Charter School Contracts](#)

School 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 School Board approval of a charter school contract under Section 1002.33, F.S. and Policy 9800.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- A. Approve three (3) new charter school applications and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate contracts reflecting the contents of the applications as approved by the School Board with:
 - 1. AcadeMir Charter School, Inc. d/b/a AcadeMir Charter School East Middle;
 - 2. AcadeMir Charter School, Inc. d/b/a AcadeMir Middle School of Math and Science; and,
 - 3. BridgePrep Academy, Inc. d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Village Green Middle High School.

- B. Approve three (3) new charter school contracts with:

1. Aspire Preparatory Academy, Inc, for Aspire Preparatory Academy (MSID 0403) for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2027;
2. Brightview Preparatory Academy Inc., for Brightview Preparatory Academy (MSID 5056) for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2027; and,
3. True North Classical Academy Inc., d/b/a True North Classical Academy at Pinecrest (MSID 1019) for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027.

C. Approve two (2) charter school contract renewals with:

1. AcadeMir Charter School, Inc. d/b/a AcadeMir Charter School Middle (MSID 6082) under section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, for a fifteen (15) year second renewal term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2037; and
2. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., d/b/a Everglades Preparatory Academy (MSID 5006) to reduce grade levels being served from grades K-8th to grades 6th- 8th for a five (5) year renewal term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027.

D. Approve five (5) charter school contract amendments with:

1. Doral Academy, Inc., d/b/a:
 - a. Doral Academy Charter Middle School (MSID 6030) under section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 62 students for a maximum enrollment capacity of 1,600 students, effective July 1, 2022;
 - b. Doral Academy of Technology (MSID 3029) under section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 25 students for a maximum enrollment capacity of 375 students, effective July 1, 2022;
 - c. Doral Academy High School (MSID 7020) under section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 30 students for a maximum enrollment capacity of 2,000 students, effective July 1, 2022; and,
 - d. Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment (MSID 7009) under section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 47 students for a maximum enrollment capacity of 500 students, effective July 1, 2022.

2. South Point Scholars Academy Inc. for South Point Scholars Academy (MSID 5836), to change its school name to South Prep Scholars, effective July 1, 2022.
- E. Approve a Reduction-in-Force/Layoff as needed, only to the extent described in this item as Total Loss, in accordance with School Board Policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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

NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS:

1. Aspire Preparatory Academy, Inc. for Aspire Preparatory Academy (MSID 0403);
2. Brightview Preparatory Academy, Corp. for Brightview Preparatory Academy (MSID 5056); and,
3. True North Classical Academy, Inc. d/b/a True North Classical Academy at Pinecrest (MSID 1019).

NEW CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS									
#	Non-Profit	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Maximum Enrollment	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT	
	School Name		Initial/Exp.				Region Center	Revenue Positions	
	ESP						Voting District	Instr.	Non-Instr.
1	Aspire Preparatory Academy, Inc.	21311 NW 34 Avenue Building B Miami Gardens, FL 33056	5 years	K-5 th	558	Recommended Action(s): Approve a 5-year contract, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027. CRC Meeting: No Negotiations Requested; M-DCPS Standard Contract Accepted	Miami Gardens	\$2,595,146	
	Aspire Preparatory Academy (MDIS 0403)		2022-2027				North Region Gallon VD 1	28	17
2	Brightview Preparatory Academy, Corp.	1084 W 23 Street Hialeah, FL 33010	5 years	K-5 th	536	Recommended Action(s): Approve a 5-year contract, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027. CRC Meeting: No Negotiations Requested; M-DCPS Standard Contract Accepted	Hialeah	\$2,486,618	
	Brightview Preparatory Academy (MSID 5056)		2022-2027				North Region Fraga VD 5	27	16
3	True North Classical Academy, Inc.	7500 SW 120 Street Pinecrest, FL 33156	5 years	K-8 th	734	Recommended Action(s): Approve a 5-year contract, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027. CRC Meeting: April 20, 2022	Pinecrest	\$3,437,834	
	True North Classical Academy at Pinecrest (MSID 1019)		2022-2027				South Region Santos VD 9	36	22
								Total Instructional Positions:	91
								Total Non-Instructional Positions:	55
								TOTAL POSITIONS:	146

Initial Year Loss (2022-2023 SY): The revenue and positions indicated as “District Impact” provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District’s General Fund (\$8,519,598) instructional staffing (91 positions), and non-instructional staffing (55 positions). The loss of revenue is based on 95% of FEFP funds per student and 75% of the enrollment projection that the District will not realize.

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

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWAL(S):

1. AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc. d/b/a AcadeMir Charter School Middle (MSID 6082); and,
2. Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc., d/b/a Everglades Preparatory Academy (MSID 5006).

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT RENEWAL(S)								
#	Non-Profit	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Current Enrollment (Feb FTE)	School Grade/Rating (2018, 2019 & 2021)	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date	Geographic Area
	School Name		Beg. / Exp.		Maximum Contract Capacity			
	ESP				Maximum Facility Capacity			
1	AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc	5800 SW 135 Ave., Miami, FL 33183	5 years	6 th -8 th	331	A A No Gr.	Recommended Action: Under section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, to approve a fifteen (15) year second renewal term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2037. CRC Meeting: No Negotiations Requested; M-DCPS Standard Contract Accepted	Unincorporated Miami-Dade South Region Perez VD 8
	AcadeMir Charter School Middle (MSID 6082)		2017-2022		400			
	ESP: Superior Charter School Services, Inc.				800			
2	Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.	2251 Mowry Drive, Homestead, Florida 33033	10 years	K-8 th	466 (6 th -8 th only)	C C No Gr.	Recommended Action: Approve to reduce grade levels being served from grades K-8 to grades 6-8 for a five (5) year second renewal term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027. CRC Meeting: April 20, 2022	Homestead South Region Santos VD 9
	Everglades Preparatory Academy (MSID 5006)		2012-2022		910			
	ESP: Charter Schools Associates				900			

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CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENT(S):

1. The Doral Academy., Inc., d/b/a Doral Academy Charter Middle School (MSID 6030);
2. The Doral Academy., Inc., d/b/a Doral Academy of Technology (MSID 3029);
3. The Doral Academy., Inc., d/b/a Doral Academy High School (MSID 7020);
4. The Doral Academy., Inc., d/b/a Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment (MSID 7009); and,
5. South Point Scholars Academy, Inc. for South Point Scholars Academy (MSID 5836).

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENT(S)										
#	Non-Profit	Location	Term	Current Grade Levels	Current Enrollment (Feb. FTE)	School Grade/ Rating (2018, 2019 & 2021)	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT	
	School Name		Initial / Exp.		Maximum Contract Capacity				Revenue Positions	
	ESP				Facility Capacity				Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date	Ins tr.
1.	The Doral Academy., Inc.	2601 NW 112 Ave., Doral, FL 33172	15 years	6th-8th	1,353	A A A	Recommended Action(s): Approve, under Section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, an increase of student enrollment by 62 students to a maximum of 1,600 students, effective July 1, 2022. CRC Meeting: N/A - No CRC Required	Doral Central Region Fraga VD 5	\$285,055	
	Doral Academy Charter Middle School (MSID 6030)		2013-2028		1,538				3	2
	High Performing School ESP: Academica				4,076					
2.	The Doral Academy., Inc.	2601 NW 112 Ave., Doral, FL 33172	15 years	6th-8th	300	A A A	Recommended Action(s): Approve, under Section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, an increase of student enrollment by 25 students to a maximum of 375 students, effective July 1, 2022. CRC Meeting: N/A - No CRC Required	Doral Central Region Fraga VD 5	\$115,235	
	Doral Academy of Technology (MSID 3029)		2010-2025		350				2	1
	High Performing School ESP: Academica				4,076					
3.	The Doral Academy., Inc.	11100 NW 27 St., Doral, FL 33172	15 years	9th-12th	1,957	A A A	Recommended Action(s): Approve, under Section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, an increase of student enrollment by 30 students to a maximum of 2,000 students, effective July 1, 2022. CRC Meeting: N/A - No CRC Required	Doral Central Region Fraga VD 5	\$139,495	
	Doral Academy High School (MSID 7020)		2011-2026		1,970				2	1
	High Performing School ESP: Academica				4,076					

School Board Agenda Item D-65 ATTACHMENT C

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENT(S)												
#	Non-Profit	Location	Term	Current Grade Levels	Current Enrollment (Feb. FTE)	School Grade/ Rating (2018, 2019 & 2021)	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT			
	School Name		Initial / Exp.		Maximum Contract Capacity		Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date		Revenue Positions			
	ESP				Facility Capacity				Ins tr.	Non-Instr.		
4.	The Doral Academy., Inc.	11100 NW 27 St., Doral, FL 33172	15 years	9th-12th	399	A A A	Recommended Action(s): Approve, under Section 1002.331, F.S., High Performing Charter Schools, an increase of student enrollment by 47 students to a maximum of 500 students, effective July 1, 2022. CRC Meeting: N/A - No CRC Required	Doral Central Region Fraga VD 5	\$212,275			
	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment (MSID 7009)				453							
	High Performing School ESP: Academica		2015-2030		4,076				2	2		
5.	South Point Scholars Academy, Inc.	24555 SW 112 Ave., Miami, FL 33032	5 years	K-5th	41	First Year N/A	Recommended Actions: Administrative Amendment - Change the name of the school from South Point Scholars to South Prep Scholars effective July 1, 2022. CRC Meeting: N/A - No CRC Required	Unincorporated Dade South Region Santos VD 9	No Impact			
	South Point Scholars Academy (MSID 5836)				536							
	ESP: Management School Solutions		2021-2026		64							
									Total Instructional Positions:	9		
									Total Non-Instructional Positions:	6		
									TOTAL POSITIONS:	15		

Initial Year Loss (2022-2023 SY): The revenue and positions indicated as "District Impact" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$752,060) instructional staffing (9 positions), and non-instructional staffing (6 positions). The loss of revenue is based on 95% of FEFP funds per student and 75% of the enrollment projection that the District will not realize.