

Office of Strategic Planning & Initiatives  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THREE NEW (INITIAL) CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS, ONE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENT, AND ONE CHARTER SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

**NEW (INITIAL) 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 School Board Policy 9800, three (3) new (initial) charter school 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 1. Additional details for each of these contracts may be found in Attachment A. The actual contracts can be accessed through the links provided on page 3. The attachments and links are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

<b>Type of Contract</b>		<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Legal Entity</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Supporting Documentation</b>
1.	Standard 5-year term	Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy Middle School (MSID 5057)	Mater Academy, Inc.	Approval CRC: June 28, 2022	Attachment A
2.	Standard 5-year term	Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy High School (MSID 5052)			
3.	Standard 5-year term	Somerset Academy Continental (MSID 0402)	Somerset Academy, Inc.	Approval CRC: June 28, 2022	

**CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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*, one (1) amended charter school contract is being presented for consideration in this item, as contained in Table 2. Additional details for this contract may be found in Attachment B. The contract can be accessed through the links provided on page 3. The attachments and links are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 2: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENT				
Type of Amendment	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
Enrollment Increase and change in location  <b>*High Performing School</b>	Somerset Academy Charter Middle School (MSID 6004)	Somerset Academy, Inc.	Approved  CRC: June 28, 2022	Attachment B

*\*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.*

### **CHARTER SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION**

Section 1002.33(7)(d) states 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. Modification may include, but is not limited to, consolidation of multiple charters into a single charter if the charters are operated under the same governing board and physically located on the same campus, regardless of the renewal cycle. Upon approval, this consolidation will be presented to the Florida Department of Education which will determine the consolidated Master School Identification Number (MSID). Pursuant to the state statute, one charter school consolidation of two (2) charter school contracts is being presented in this item for consideration as contained in Table 3. Additional details for this charter school consolidation may be found in Attachment C. This contract can be accessed through the links provided on page 3. This attachment and enclosed link are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 3: CHARTER SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION				
Type of Contract	Name of Schools	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
Consolidation	Mater Academy East Middle School (MSID 6009)	Mater Academy, Inc.	Approval  CRC: June 28, 2022	Attachment C
	Mater Academy East Charter High School (MSID 7037)  <b>To be known collectively as Mater Academy East Preparatory (MSID TBD)</b>			

## **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 (initial) and one amendment charter school 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 <sup>1</sup>	Non-Core <sup>2</sup>		
New (Initial) Charter Schools (3)	\$6,065,235	1,305	43	17	39	99
Amendment (1)	\$1,140,220	250	9	2	8	19
<b>*TOTAL LOSS:</b>	<b>\$7,205,455</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>118</b>

\*Initial School Year Loss (2022-2023): The revenue and positions indicated as "District Impact" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$7,205,455) instructional staffing (71 positions), and non-instructional staffing (47 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 entities were noticed of the Superintendent's recommendations to the School Board and were provided a copy of the charter contract prior to the School Board Meeting.

Copies of the 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:**

[New \(Initial\) Charter School Contract](#)

[Charter School Contract Amendment](#)

[Charter Contract Consolidation](#)

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 (initial) charter school contracts with:
  1. Mater Academy Inc., d/b/a Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy Middle School (MSID 5057) for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027;
  2. Mater Academy Inc., d/b/a Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy High School (MSID 5052) for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027; and,
  3. Somerset Academy, Inc. d/b/a Somerset Academy Continental (MSID 0402) for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027;
- B. Approve one (1) charter school contract amendment with Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Charter Middle School (MSID 6004) to (a) re-locate to 19701 SW 127 Avenue, Miami, FL 33177; (b) co-locate on the same campus with Somerset College Preparatory Academy South High School (MSID 7078); and (c) under section 1002.331 F.S., High Performing Schools, increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 250 students for a maximum of 750 students, effective July 1, 2022.
- C. Approve the consolidation of Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy East Middle School (MSID 6009) and Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy East Charter High School (MSID 7037) into a single school and charter contract with Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy East Preparatory (MSID TBD) serving students in grades six through twelfth at 450/458 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Mami, FL 33130 with a maximum enrollment of 200 students, for a three year term, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.
- D. 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.

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**NEW (INITIAL) CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS:**

1. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy Middle School (MSID 5057)
2. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy High School (MSID 5052); and,
3. Somerset Academy, Inc., d/b/a Somerset Academy Continental (MSID 0402).

NEW (INITIAL) CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS									
#	School Information	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Maximum Enrollment	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT	
			Initial/Exp.				Region Center	Revenue Positions	
							Voting District	Instr	Non-Instr.
1	Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy Middle School (MSID 5057)  Legal Entity: Mater Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica Dade LLC	Permanent Address: 8851 NW 170 Street, Miami, FL 33015  Temporary Address during the 2022-2023 SY: 17300 NW 87 Avenue, Hialeah, FL 33015	5 years	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	500 Students	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> Approve a 5-year contract, commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2027.  <b>Special Provision:</b> Year 1 of this contract the school will be temporarily co-located with MSID 5052, 6033, and 7018.  <b>CRC Meeting:</b> June 28, 2022	Unincorporated Miami-Dade / Hialeah	\$2,314,250	
			2022-2027				North Region  Hantman VD4	23	15
2	Mater Lakes Collegiate Academy High School (MSID 5052)  Legal Entity: Mater Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica Dade LLC	Permanent Address: 8851 NW 170 Street, Miami, FL 33015  Temporary Address during the 2022-2023 SY: 17300 NW 87 Avenue, Hialeah, FL 33015	5 years	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	700 Students	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> Approve a 5-year contract, commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2027.  <b>Special Provision:</b> Year 1 of this contract the school will be temporarily co-located with MSID 5057, 6033 and 7018.  <b>CRC Meeting:</b> June 28, 2022	Unincorporated Miami-Dade / Hialeah	\$3,271,850	
			2022-2027				North Region  Hantman VD4	31	21
3	Somerset Academy Continental (MSID 0402)  Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica Dade LLC.	8100 SW 104 Street Miami, FL 33156	5 years	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	105 Students	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> Approve a 5-year contract, commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2027.  <b>CRC Meeting:</b> June 28, 2022	Unincorporated Miami-Dade	\$479,135	
			2022-2027				South Region  Navarro VD 7	6	3
Total Instructional Positions:								60	
Total Non-Instructional Positions:								39	
TOTAL POSITIONS:								99	

Initial School Year Loss (2022-2023): The revenue and positions indicated as “District Impact” provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District’s General Fund (\$6,065,235) instructional staffing (60 positions), and non-instructional staffing (39 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.

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**CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENT:**

- Somerset Academy Inc. d/b/a Somerset Academy Charter Middle School (MSID 6004)

School Name	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	
Non-Profit		Initial /Exp.		Maximum Contract Capacity		Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date		Revenue Positions	
ESP				Facility Capacity				Inst.	Non-Inst.
Somerset Academy Charter Middle School (MSID 6004)  <b>(High Performing School)</b>  Legal Entity: Somerset Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica Dade LLC	18491 SW 134 Ave., Miami, FL 33177	15 years	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	250	A A No Gr.	<b>Recommended Action:</b> To (a) re-locate to 19701 SW 127 Avenue, Miami, FL 33177; (b) co-locate on the same campus with Somerset College Preparatory Academy South High School (MSID 7078); and (c) increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 250 students for a maximum of 750 students, effective July 1, 2022.  <b>CRC Meeting:</b> June 28, 2022	Unincorporated Miami-Dade  South Region  Navarro VD 7	\$1,140,220	
		2014-2029		500				11	8
				1,600 students					
Total Instructional Positions:								11	
Total Non-Instructional Positions:								8	
TOTAL POSITIONS:								19	

Initial School Year Loss (2022-2023): The revenue and positions indicated as “District Impact” provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District’s General Fund (\$1,140,220) instructional staffing (11 positions), and non-instructional staffing (8 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.

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**CHARTER CONSOLIDATION:**

**Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a:**

1. Mater Academy East Middle School (MSID 6009) and
2. Mater Academy East Charter High School (MSID 7037).

CHARTER SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION										
#	School Name	Location	Current Grade Levels	Current Enrollment (Feb. FTE)	School Grade 2018, 2019, 2021	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions  Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date	Geographic Area	Terms of the Consolidation		
	Non-Profit		Maximum Contract Capacity	Contract Term				Maximum Grade Levels		
	ESP		Facility Capacity					Max. Student Enrollment		
	Location									
1.	Mater Academy East Middle School (MSID 6009) <b>Mater Academy, Inc.</b>  ESP: Academica Dade LLC	604 NW 12 Ave., Miami, FL 33136	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	10	B A No Gr.	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> To consolidate both schools and charter contracts into a single school and charter contract to be collectively known as Mater Academy East Preparatory (MSID TBD), serving students in sixth through twelfth grade at 450 SW Fourth St., Miami, FL 33130, with a maximum student enrollment of 200 students, for a revised term of three years commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2025	City of Miami	6th-12th		
			2020-2025 (5-year term)	672				200 students		
2.	Mater Academy East Charter High School (MSID 7037) <b>Mater Academy, Inc.</b>  ESP: Academica Dade LLC			9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	4		B A No Gr.	<b>Special Provision:</b> This newly consolidated school will be co-located with Mater Academy East Charter School (MSID 3100).  CRC: June 28, 2022	Central Region	2022-2025 (3-year term)
			2017-2032 (15-year term)	1,000	450/458 SW Fourth St., Miami, FL 33130					
				2,281						