

Office of Strategic Planning & Initiatives  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION AND AMENDMENTS TO FOUR SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENTS**

**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 an application no later than 90 calendar days after receipt, unless the Sponsor and the applicant mutually agree in writing to temporarily postpone the vote to a specific date.

### **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. 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, a charter school application and associated evaluation is being presented for final approval or denial by the School Board as set forth herein.

One (1) new charter school application is being presented for consideration in this item. This charter school application, if approved, has proposed to open for the 2023-2024 school year. 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, 2026. An overview of the charter school application is contained in Table 1. The application and evaluation instrument can be accessed through the link provided on page 3. The link is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 1: CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION					
School Information	Proposed Term	Grade Levels	Student Enrollment	Type of Application	Founding/ Gov. Board Members
	Initial/ Exp.	Proposed Initial Year		Proposed Geographic Area	
		Maximum Capacity			
MACS Schools of Education (MSID Pending) Legal Entity: MACS Schools of Education, Inc. Proposed ESP: N/A ARC: November 29, 2022	5 Years	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	426	Standard	Jamarca Sanford, Chairperson Jennexis Castellanos, Vice Chairperson Alejandro Gravier, Treasurer Maria Alba-Quesada, Secretary Ramon Garcia, Board Member
	2023-2028	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	696	33170 ZIP CODE	

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENTS**

Pursuant to s.1002.333(4)(b), F.S., a school district shall enter into a performance-based agreement with a hope operator to open schools to serve students from persistently low-performing schools and students residing in the Florida Opportunity Zone. The persistently low-performing schools are based on the school accountability data available at the time of submission of the Notice of Intent (NOI). Pursuant to law, and School Board Policy 9800, both parties must mutually agree to any amendments to a Performance-based Agreement (PBA) prior to execution. These four (4) amendments being presented for consideration in this item are with two separate School of Hope (SOH) Operators: KIPP Team and Family Schools, Inc., and Mater Academy, Inc.

Through Rule 6A-1.0998271 Form SOH3- Performance Based-Agreement (PBA) was adopted by the Florida Department of Education. The PBA in the section titled “Academic Accountability-Annual Objectives” require a SOH to provide its proposed academic achievement goals for Year 1 and Year 2 of operation. By year 2 the established goals shall be applied to the last four years of the PBA. The amendments to the Schools of Hope in this Board Item have provided their achievement goals.

KIPP Miami, Inc.: On May 8, 2019, the School Board approved the SOH PBA with KIPP Miami, Inc. to establish KIPP Miami – Liberty City (MSID 2332), a SOH with multiple campuses serving grades Kindergarten through 10<sup>th</sup> and up to 2,316 students. Previously, KIPP Miami, Inc. and the School Board have mutually agreed to amend this PBA four times; August 12, 2020, August 18, 2021, June 22, 2022, and August 15, 2022. A fifth amendment to this PBA is now being presented for consideration in this item. An overview for this amendment may be found in Table 2.

Mater Academy, Inc.: On April 21, 2021, the School Board approved seven (7) SOH PBAs with Mater Academy, Inc. The first amendment to the three SOH being presented in this Board item was mutually agreed upon by Mater Academy, Inc., and the School Board on August 15, 2022. A second amendment for these SOH is now being presented for consideration in this item. An overview of these amendments may be found in Table 2.

Additional details for these four (4) SOH amendments may be found in Attachment A. These amended PBAs can be accessed through the link provided on page 3. The attachment and link are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

<b>Table 2: AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL OF HOPE (SOH) PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENTS (PBA)*</b>			
<b>Type of Amendment</b>	<b>Name of School of Hope</b>	<b>School of Hope Operator</b>	<b>Supporting Documentation</b>
SOH Academic Goals	KIPP Miami-Liberty City (MSID 2332)	KIPP Miami, Inc./ KIPP Team and Family Schools, Inc.	ATTACHMENT A
SOH Academic Goals	Mater Academy Kiwanis (MSID 5416)	Mater Academy, Inc.	ATTACHMENT A
	Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412)		
	Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422)		

Those schools that are operated by Mater Academy, Inc. have provided the District with their Year 1 goals. KIPP Miami- Liberty City is providing goals for year 2. Although KIPP opened in 2019 and is in their third year of operation, the goals they submitted will serve as their year 2 goals given that for the 2019-2020 school year goals were not established due to the FDOE Emergency Order in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

**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 school application and its application evaluation, the charter school amended contract and the four (4) amended School of Hope Performance-based Agreements prior to the School Board Meeting.

Copies can be accessed electronically through 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:**

[Charter School Application and Evaluation Instrument](#)

[School of Hope Performance-Based Agreement Amendments and Attachments](#) } Revised

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 one (1) new charter school application with MACS Schools of Education, Inc. on behalf of MACS Schools of Education and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter contract reflecting the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.
  
- B. Under section 1002.333, F.S., Persistently Low-Performing Schools, approve amendments to four (4) School of Hope (SOH) Performance-based Agreements (PBA) with:
  - 1. KIPP Miami, Inc., d/b/a KIPP Miami – Liberty City (MSID 2332) to amend Academic Goals for Years 2 - 4 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2024.
  - 2. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy Kiwanis (MSID 5416) to establish Academic Goals for Year 1 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2027.
  - 3. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412) to establish Academic Goals for Year 1 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2027.
  - 4. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422) to establish Academic Goals for Year 1 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2027.

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ATTACHMENT A**

Amendments to the School of Hope Performance Based Agreements for:

1. KIPP Miami, Inc. / KIPP Team and Family Schools, Inc. d/b/a KIPP Miami – Liberty City (MSID 2332);
2. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412);
3. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422); and,
4. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy Kiwanis (MSID 5416).

SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENT AMENDMENT								
#	School of Hope Name	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels Currently Being Served	Current Enrollment (Oct FTE)	School Grade/Rating (2019, 2021 & 2022)	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area
	School of Hope Operator		Initial / Exp.	PBA Grade Levels	Maximum Contract Capacity		Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date	Region
	ESP							Board Member
1.	KIPP Miami – Liberty City (MSID 2332)	3000 N.W. 110 Street, Miami, Florida 33167	5-year term	K- 8 <sup>th</sup>	1,049 students	NG NG F	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> To amend Academic Goals for Years 2-4 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2024.  CRC: No CRC Required	Unincorporated Miami-Dade
	KIPP Miami, Inc./ KIPP Team and Family Schools, Inc  ESP: N/A		2019-2024	K-10 <sup>th</sup>	1,990 students			Central Region  Bendross-Mindingall VD 2
2.	Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412)	230 S.W. 17 Road, Miami, Florida 33129	5-year term	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	397 students	N/A	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> To establish Academic Goals for Year 1 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2027.  CRC: No CRC Required	City of Miami
	Mater Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica Dade LLC		2022-2027	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	700			Central Region
3.	Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422)	230 S.W. 17 Road, Miami, Florida 33129	5-year term	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	234 students	N/A	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> To establish Academic Goals for Year 1 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2027.  CRC: No CRC Required	Rojas VD 6
	Mater Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica Dade LLC		2022-2027	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	800 students			
4.	Mater Academy Kiwanis (MSID 5416)	998 S.W. First Street, Miami, Florida 33130	5-year term	K- 5 <sup>th</sup>	160 students	N/A	<b>Recommended Action(s):</b> To establish Academic Goals for Year 1 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2027.  CRC: No CRC Required	City of Miami
	Mater Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica Dade LLC		2022-2027	K- 5 <sup>th</sup>	950 students			Central Region  Rojas VD 6