

Office of Strategic Planning & Initiatives  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THREE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND ONE AMENDMENT TO A SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENT**

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

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

**CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

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

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

Pursuant to the law and Policy 9800 three (3) amended charter school contracts are being presented for consideration in this item, as contained in Table 1. Additional details for these contracts may be found in Attachment A. Additionally, the amended charter contracts can be accessed through the link provided on page 2. The attachments and link are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 1: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS				
Type of Amendment	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
Administrative Amendment- Initial School Year (3 Deferrals elected)	Aspire Preparatory Academy (MSID 0403)	Aspire Academy, Inc.	CRC: N/A	Attachment A
Enrollment Increase	BridgePrep Academy of Miami-Dade (MSID 5028)	BridgePrep Academy, Inc.	Approved CRC: June 15, 2023	
Location and Grade Levels Configuration Change	The Theodore R. & Thelma A. Gibson Charter School (MSID 2060)	The Theodore R. & Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc.	Approved CRC: June 15, 2023	

**AMENDMENT TO THE SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENT**

Schools of Hope and the Schools of Hope Program are authorized by section 1002.333, F.S. This law was first enacted in 2017, and it requires the State Board of Education to provide students in persistently low-performing schools and students residing in Florida Opportunity Zones with a public school that meets accountability standards. To do so, the State Board of Education designates *Hope Operators*, which are eligible to open charter schools called *Schools of Hope*, outside of the regular process that applies to the establishment of all other charter schools pursuant to section 1002.33, F.S. A *Hope Operator* is a non-profit organization with tax exempt status under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that operates three (3) or more

public charter schools serving students in grades K-12 in Florida or other states with a proven record of serving students from low-income families and which meets other criteria.

Pursuant to state rule 6A-1.0998271- Schools of Hope, a Performance-based agreement (PBA) may be amended if both parties mutually agree to the amended terms and the amended PBA must include the signature of both parties. An amendment is being presented for consideration for Mater Academy, Inc., a School of Hope (SOH) Operator. An overview for this amendment may be found in Table 2. Additional details may be found in Attachment B. The amended PBA can be accessed through the link provided on page 2. The attachment and link are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 2: AMENDMENT TO THE SCHOOL OF HOPE (SOH) PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENT (PBA)				
Type of Amendment	Name of School of Hope	School of Hope Operator	Supporting Documentation	Persistently Low-Performing School/ Florida Opportunity Zone
School Location Identification (temporary and permanent), Reduction in Enrollment, Name Change, and Establishing Grade Levels to be Served	Mater Academy-Bethany (MSID 5417)  School of Hope	Mater Academy, Inc.	Attachment B	Earlington Heights Elementary (MSID 1561) and Lorah Park Elementary (MSID 3041)

### **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. One (1) of the three (3) amended contracts is included in the analysis of Total Loss as it presents a potential increase in overall charter school enrollment or an anticipated loss to the District.

Table 3: TOTAL LOSS						
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>		
Contract Amendment (1)	\$3,035,642	488	25	7	20	52
<b>TOTAL LOSS:</b>	<b>\$3,035,642</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>52</b>

Initial Year Loss (2023-2024 SY): The revenue and positions indicated as “District Impact” provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District’s General Fund (\$3,035,642) instructional staffing (32 positions), and non-instructional staffing (20 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 school amended contracts and the amended SOH PBA prior to the School Board Meeting.

Copies of the three (3) amended contracts and the amended PBA 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 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

### **LINK:**

[Charter School Contract Amendments](#)  
[School of Hope Performance-based Agreement Amendment](#)

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 sections 1002.33, 1002.331 and 1002.333, F.S. and Policy 9800.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- A. Approve three (3) charter school contract amendments with:
1. Aspire Preparatory Academy, Inc., on behalf of Aspire Preparatory Academy (MSID 0403) to change the term of the five (5) year contract, to commence on July 1, 2023, and end on June 30, 2028, due to request to defer opening pursuant to section 1002.33(6), F.S.;
  2. BridgePrep Academy, Inc. d/b/a BridgePrep of Miami-Dade (MSID 5028) to increase student enrollment by 650 students for a maximum of 1,650 students effective July 1, 2023; and,
  3. The Theodore R. & Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc. on behalf of The Theodore R. & Thelma A. Gibson Charter School (MSID 2060) to relocate the school to 450 NW 14th Street, Miami, FL 33136 (a.k.a. 380 NW 14 Street and 1360 NW 3 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136 / Folio(s): 01-3136-037-0020, 01-3136-037-0030, 01-3136-037-0040, 01-3136-037-0060, 01-3136-037-0070); and reduce grade levels being served from kindergarten through sixth grade to kindergarten through fifth grade, effective July 1, 2023.
- B. Under section 1002.333, F.S., Persistently Low-Performing Schools, approve an amendment to one (1) School of Hope Performance-based Agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy– Bethany (MSID 5417) to (a) add the school’s permanent location at 25 North East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33132, [Folio 01-0109-080-1090]; (b) allow the school to co-locate with Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412) and Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422) during the 2023-2024 school year; (c) change the school’s name from Mater Academy– Bethany to Miami Tech at Mater Innovation Academy; (d) reduce the maximum student enrollment by 1,600 for a maximum enrollment of 400 students; and, (e) reduce the grade levels being served from kindergarten through eleventh grade to ninth through eleventh grade, commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2028.
- C. 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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### CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENT(S):

1. Aspire Academy, Inc. on behalf of Aspire Preparatory Academy (MSID 0403);
2. BridgePrep Academy, Inc., d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Miami-Dade (MSID 5028); and,
3. The Theodore R. & Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., on behalf of The Theodore R. & Thelma A. Gibson Charter School (MSID 2060).

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS										
#	School Name	Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Current Enrollment (Feb. FTE)	School Grade/Rating (2019, 2021 & 2022)	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area Region Center Voting District	DISTRICT IMPACT	
	Legal Entity		Initial/Exp.		Max. Contract Capacity		Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date		Revenue Positions	
	ESP								Instr	Nonl nstr
1.	<b>Aspire Preparatory Academy (MSID 0403)</b> Aspire Academy, Inc. ESP: N/A	21311 NW 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Building B, Miami Gardens, FL, 33056	5 Years 2022-2027	K-5	N/A  558	N/A (Not in Operation)	Recommended Action: To change the term of the five (5) year contract, to commence on July 1, 2023, and end on June 30, 2028, due to request to defer opening pursuant to section 1002.33(6), F.S.  CRC: No CRC Required (Administrative Amendment)	Miami Gardens North Region Gallon VD 1	No Impact	
2.	<b>BridgePrep Academy of Miami-Dade (MSID 5028)</b> BridgePrep Academy, Inc. ESP: S.M.A.R.T Management	3500 NW 89 Ct., Doral, FL 33172	5 Years 2021-2026	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	837  1,000	No Gr. No Gr. A	Recommended Action: To increase student enrollment by 650 students for a maximum of 1,650 students effective July 1, 2023  CRC: June 15, 2023	Doral Central Region Espino VD5	\$3,035,642	32   20
3.	<b>The Theodore R. &amp; Thelma A. Gibson Charter School (MSID 2060)</b> The Theodore R. & Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade, LLC	1682 & 1698 NW 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Miami, FL 33136	5 Years 2022-2027	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	141  600	C No Gr. C	Recommended Action: To relocate the school to 450 NW 14th Street, Miami, FL 33136 (a.k.a. 380 NW 14 Street and 1360 NW 3 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136 / Folio(s): 01-3136-037-0020, 01-3136-037-0030, 01-3136-037-0040, 01-3136-037-0060, 01-3136-037-0070); and reduce grade levels being served from kindergarten through sixth grade to kindergarten through fifth grade, effective July 1, 2023.  CRC: June 15, 2023	City of Miami Central Region Bendross-Mindingall VD2	No Impact	
Total Instructional Positions:									32	

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	Legal Entity		Initial/Exp.		Max. Contract Capacity		Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date		Revenue Positions	
	ESP								Instr	Nonl nstr
								Total Non-Instructional Positions:	20	
								TOTAL POSITIONS:	52	

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ATTACHMENT B**

Amendment to the School of Hope Performance-based Agreement for Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy- Bethany (MSID 5417).

SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENT AMENDMENT							
School of Hope Name  School of Hope Operator  ESP	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Current Enrollment (Feb FTE)	School Grade/ Rating (2019, 2021 & 2022)	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area
		Initial / Exp.		Maximum Contract Capacity		Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date	Region  Board Member
Mater Academy - Bethany (MSID 5417)  Mater Academy, Inc.  ESP: Academica Dade LLC	25 NE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Miami, Florida, 33132	5-year term	K-11 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A (Not in Operation)	<p><b>Recommended Action(s):</b> Under section 1002.333, F.S., Persistently Low-Performing Schools, approve an amendment to one (1) School of Hope Performance-based Agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy - Bethany (MSID 5417) to (a) add the school's permanent location at 25 North East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33132, [Folio 01-0109-080-1090]; (b) allow the school to co-locate with Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412) and Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422) during the 2023-2024 school year; (c) change the school's name from Mater Academy - Bethany to Miami Tech at Mater Innovation Academy; (d) reduce the maximum student enrollment by 1,600 for a maximum enrollment of 400 students; and, (e) reduce the grade levels being served from kindergarten through eleventh grade to ninth through eleventh grade, commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2028.</p> <p><b>Special provisions:</b> Temporary location for a period of one year.</p> <p>CRC: No CRC Required</p>	City of Miami  Central Region
		2023-2028		2,000			