

Office of Strategic Planning & Initiatives
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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF TWO INITIAL CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS AND SEVEN CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

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, two (2) 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 review initial charter school 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 these contracts may be found in Attachment A, and the actual contracts can be accessed through the link provided on page 3. The link is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 1: INITIAL CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS				
Type of School	Name of School	Legal Entity	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
Traditional Charter School	AcadeMir Charter High School West (MSID 7672)	AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc.	Approve CRC: November 28, 2023	Attachment A
Traditional Charter School	MACS Schools of Education (MSID 5119)	MACS Schools of Education, Inc.	Approve CRC: October 23, 2023	

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 review any substantive amendments to charter school contracts for presentation to the School Board for their final consideration.

Pursuant to the law and Policy 9800, seven (7) charter school contract amendments are being presented for consideration in this item, as contained in Table 2. Additional details for these contracts may be found in Attachment B. Additionally, the amended charter contracts can be accessed through the link provided on page 3. The attachment and link are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 2: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS				
<i>Type of Amendment</i>	<i>Name of School</i>	<i>Legal Entity</i>	<i>Committee Recommendation</i>	<i>Supporting Documentation</i>
Enrollment Increase	BridgePrep Academy of Village Green (MSID 3034)	BridgePrep Academy, Inc.	Approve CRC: November 28, 2023	Attachment B
Enrollment Increase	BridgePrep Academy of Village Green Middle High School (MSID 3036)	BridgePrep Academy, Inc.	Approve CRC: November 28, 2023	
Transfer of Charter Obligations	City of Hialeah Educational Academy (MSID 7262) [High Performing]	The City of Hialeah, Florida	Approve CRC: November 28, 2023	
<u>Administrative Amendment</u> Relocation of the Administrative Office	Colēgiate Preparatory Academy (MSID 6016) [Virtual School]	Somerset Virtual Academy, Inc.	No CRC required.	
Enrollment Increase	Don Soffer Aventura Charter High School (MSID 7026) [Municipal Charter School]	The City of Aventura, Florida	Approve CRC: October 23, 2023	
<u>Administrative Amendment</u> Relocation of the Administrative Office	International Studies Virtual Academy (MSID 6017) [Virtual School]	International Studies Charter High School, Inc.	No CRC required.	
<u>Administrative Amendment</u> Relocation of the Administrative Office	Mater Academy Virtual Charter School (MSID 6997) [Virtual School]	Mater Academy, Inc.	No CRC required.	

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 two (2) initial contracts and three (3) of the seven (7) amended contracts are 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. The amended contracts that will have an increase in student enrollment will impact this school year (2023-2024) and the projected student enrollment for the two (2) initial contracts will impact the 2024-2025 school year, when these schools are expected to open.

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 ¹	Non-Core ²		
Initial Contract (2) (2024-2025)	\$5,115,275	1,100	36	14	33	83
Contract Amendment (3) (2023-2024)	\$1,819,500	400	15	6	13	34
TOTAL LOSS:	\$6,934,775	1,500	51	20	46	117

Initial Year Loss: The revenue and positions indicated as "District Impact" provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District's General Fund (\$6,934,775) instructional staffing (71), and non-instructional staffing (46 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 recommendation to the School Board and were provided a copy of the initial charter contracts and amended contracts prior to the School Board Meeting.

A copy of the initial contracts and the amended contracts can be accessed electronically through the link 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:

[Initial Charter School Contracts](#)

[Charter School Contract Amendments](#)

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

- A. Approve two (2) initial charter contracts with:
 1. AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a AcadeMir Charter High School West (MSID 7672) to allow for a name change from AcadeMir Charter High School West to AcadeMir Preparatory High School and provide an initial contract for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029; and,

2. MACS Schools of Education, Inc., for MACS Schools of Education (MSID 5119) to allow for a name change from MACS Schools of Education to My Ca.Sa Charter School and provide an initial contract for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029.

B. Approve seven (7) charter school contract amendments with:

1. BridgePrep Academy Inc., d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Village Green (MSID 3034) to increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 215 students for a maximum enrollment capacity of 1,000 students, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2026;
2. BridgePrep Academy Inc., d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Village Green Middle High School (MSID 3036) to increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 85 students for a maximum enrollment capacity of 800 students, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2027;
3. The City of Hialeah, Florida for City of Hialeah Educational Academy (MSID 7262) to allow the City of Hialeah to transfer the contract, including its rights, duties, and obligations under the charter contract, to the City of Hialeah Education Academy, Inc., commencing July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028;
4. Somerset Virtual Academy, Inc., d/b/a Colēgiate Preparatory Academy (MSID 6016) to relocate the administrative office to 230 SW 17 Road, Miami, Florida 33129, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2025;
5. The City of Aventura, Florida for Don Soffer Aventura Charter High School (MSID 7026) to increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 100 students for a maximum enrollment capacity of 900 students, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2034;
6. International Studies Charter High School, Inc., d/b/a International Studies Virtual Academy (MSID 6017) to relocate the administrative office to 230 SW 17 Road, Miami, Florida 33129, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2028; and,
7. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy Virtual Charter School (MSID 6997) to relocate the administrative office to 230 SW 17 Road, Miami, Florida 33129, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2027.

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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ATTACHMENT A**

INITIAL CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS:

- AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc. d/b/a AcadeMir Charter High School West (MSID 7672); and,
- MACS Schools of Education, Inc., for MACS Schools of Education (MSID 5119).

INITIAL CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS									
#	School Name	School Location	Term	Grade Levels	Maximum Enrollment	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions	Geographic Area	DISTRICT IMPACT	
	Legal Entity		Initial/Exp.				Region Center	Revenue Positions	
	ESP						Voting District	Instr	Non-Instr.
1	AcadeMir Charter High School West (MSID 7672)	Folio #s: 30-6913-000-0230, 30-6913-000-0231, 30-6913-000-0232, and 30-6913-000-0240 [Official Address TBD]	5 years	9 th – 12 th	800 Students	Recommended Action(s): To allow for a name change from AcadeMir Charter High School West to AcadeMir Preparatory High School and provide an initial contract for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029. CRC Meeting: Approval by CRC on November 28, 2023.	Unincorporated Dade County South Region Blanco VD7	\$3,750,650	
	Legal Entity: AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc. ESP: Superior Charter School Services		2024-2029					35	24
2	MACS Schools of Education (MSID 5119)	12700 SW 216 St. Miami, FL 33170	5 years	K-5 th	300 Students	Recommended Action(s): To allow for a name change from MACS Schools of Education to My Ca.Sa Charter School and provide an initial contract for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029. CRC Meeting: Approval by CRC on October 23, 2023.	Unincorporated Dade County South Region Blanco VD7	\$1,364,625	
	Legal Entity: MACS Schools of Education, Inc. ESP: None		2024-2029					15	9
Total Instructional Positions:								50	
Total Non-Instructional Positions:								33	
TOTAL POSITIONS:								83	

Initial School Year Loss (2024-2025): The revenue and positions indicated as “District Impact” provide an estimate of the potential impact on the District’s General Fund (\$5,115,275) instructional staffing (50 positions), and non-instructional staffing (33 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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ATTACHMENT B**

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:

1. BridgePrep Academy, Inc., d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Village Green (MSID 3034);
2. BridgePrep Academy, Inc., d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Village Green Middle High School (MSID 3036);
3. City of Hialeah and City of Hialeah Education Academy, Inc., d/b/a City of Hialeah Educational Academy (MSID 7262)
4. Somerset Virtual Academy, Inc., d/b/a Colēgiate Preparatory Academy (MSID 6016);
5. The City of Aventura, Florida for Don Soffer Aventura Charter High School (MSID 7026);
6. International Studies Charter High School, Inc., d/b/a/ International Studies Virtual Academy (MSID 6017); and,
7. Mater Academy, Inc., d/b/a Mater Academy Virtual Charter School (MSID 6997).

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS									
#	School Name & MSID	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Current Enrollment (Oct FTE)	School Grade/ Rating (2019, 2021 & 2022)	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date	Geographic Area	District Impact
	Non-Profit		Beg. / Exp.		Maximum Contract Capacity			Region	Revenue Positions
	ESP				Maximum Facility Capacity			Board Member	Inst.
1	BridgePrep Academy of Village Green (MSID 3034)	13300 SW 120 Street, Miami, FL 33186	5 years	K – 5 th	889	B NG NG C	Recommended Action: To increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 215 students for a maximum of 1,000 students, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2026. CRC Meeting: November 28, 2023	Unincorporated Miami Dade	\$976,465
	BridgePrep Academy, Inc.				785			South	
	ESP: S.M.A.R.T. Management, LLC		2021-2026		1,800			Blanco VD7	11
2	BridgePrep Academy of Village Green Middle High School (MSID 3036)		5 years	6 th – 12 th	750	NG (1 st year of operation SY 2022-2023)	Recommended Action: To increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 85 students for a maximum of 800 students, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2027. CRC Meeting: November 28, 2023	Unincorporated Miami Dade	\$388,160
	BridgePrep Academy, Inc.				715			South	
	ESP: S.M.A.R.T. Management, LLC		2022-2027		1,800			Blanco VD7	5
3	City of Hialeah Educational Academy (MSID 7262)	2590 W 76 Street, Hialeah, FL 33016	15 years	6 th – 12 th	976	A NG NG A	Recommended Action: To allow the City of Hialeah to transfer the contract, including its rights, duties, and obligations under the charter contract, to the City of Hialeah Education Academy, Inc., commencing July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028. Special Provisions: Transfer of obligations from the municipality to a non-profit legal entity. CRC Meeting: November 28, 2023	Hialeah	N/A
	City of Hialeah (Municipal School and High Performing)				1,000			North	
	ESP: Academica Dade, LLC		2013-2028		1,262			Alonso VD4	

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CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AMENDMENTS										
#	School Name & MSID	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels	Current Enrollment (Oct FTE)	School Grade/Rating (2019, 2021 & 2022)	Recommended Action(s) and/or Special Provisions Contract Review Committee (CRC) Date	Geographic Area	District Impact	
	Non-Profit				Maximum Contract Capacity			Region	Revenue Positions	
	ESP				Maximum Facility Capacity			Board Member	Inst.	Non-Inst.
Beg. / Exp.										
4	Colègiate Preparatory Academy (MSID 6016)	Main Office: 12900 NE 17 Ave., North Miami, FL 33181 (Virtual School)	3 years	9 th -12 th	171	NG NG C	Recommended Action: Relocate the administrative office to 230 SW 17 Road, Miami, Florida 33129, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2025. No CRC required.	Districtwide	N/A	
	Somerset Virtual Academy, Inc.		2022-2025		300					
	ESP: Academica Dade LLC				N/A					
5	Don Soffer Aventura Charter High School (MSID 7026)	3151 NE 213 Street, Aventura, FL 33180	15 years	6 th -12 th	829	NG NG A	Recommended Action: To increase contract capacity for student enrollment by 100 students for a maximum of 900 students, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2034. CRC Meeting: October 23, 2023	Aventura North	\$454,875	
	The City of Aventura, Florida (Municipality Charter School)		2019-2034		800				Baez-Geller VD3	5
	ESP: Charter Schools USA				1,610					
6	International Studies Virtual Academy (MSID 6017)	Main Office: 12900 NE 17 Ave., North Miami, FL 33181 (Virtual School)	5 years	6 th -12 th	36	NG NG NG	Recommended Action: Relocate the administrative office to 230 SW 17 Road, Miami, Florida 33129, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2028. No CRC required.	Districtwide	N/A	
	International Studies Charter High School, Inc.		2023-2028		250					
	ESP: Academica Dade LLC				N/A					
7	Mater Academy Virtual Charter School (MSID 6997)	Main Office: 12900 NE 17 Ave., North Miami, FL 33181 (Virtual School)	5 years	K-12 th	108	NG NG I	Recommended Action: Relocate the administrative office to 230 SW 17 Road, Miami, Florida 33129, effective for the 2023-2024 school year and ending on June 30, 2027. No CRC required.	Districtwide	N/A	
	Mater Academy, Inc.		2022-2027		500					
	ESP: Academica Dade LLC				N/A					
Total Instructional Positions:								21		
Total Non-Instructional Positions:								13		
TOTAL POSITIONS:								34		

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