

Office of Strategic Planning & Initiatives
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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF ONE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION, AMENDMENTS TO FIVE SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENTS, AND A RENEWAL OF ONE SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENT

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* (Policy 9800), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) (District) 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 to 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 Policy 9800, the District reviews all applications using an evaluation instrument developed by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and may request additional information. The FDOE 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 applications, as well as areas that required clarification, to fully evaluate the quality of the applications and the capacity of the applicants to properly implement the proposed plan.

Pursuant to Policy 9800, one (1) charter school application and the associated evaluation is being presented for final approval or denial by the School Board as set forth herein. This application, if approved, has proposed to open for the 2024-2025 school year. It is important to note that, pursuant to section 1002.33(6)(b)(5), F.S., upon written notice at least thirty (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. 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 4. The link is included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 1: NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION					
School Information	Proposed Term	Grade Levels Served	Student Enrollment	Type of Application	Founding/ Gov. Board Members
	Initial/ Exp.	Initial Year Maximum Grade Levels Served	Initial Year Maximum Student Enrollment	Proposed Location	
BridgePrep Academy of Miami Gardens Legal Entity: BridgePrep Academy, Inc. Proposed ESP: S.M.A.R.T. Management ARC: April 4, 2024	5 years	K – 5 th	220	Replication of BridgePrep Academy South (MSID 2003)	Tom Sutterfield , Chairperson Lou LoFranco, Vice Chair Leah Burton, Secretary
	2024-2029	K – 8 th	692	3490 NW 191 Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33056	Enid Weisman, Treasurer Connie Arnold, Director

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 (PBA) 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 PBA prior to execution. As determined by the state’s model PBA, Schools of Hope are afforded the opportunity to serve students in grades not identified in their initial PBA and enroll students up to the maximum facility capacity with prior notice to the District.

These five (5) amendments being presented for consideration in this item are with Mater Academy, Inc. as the school of hope (SOH) operator. Four (4) of these SOH PBA amendments are to establish academic achievement goals. The fifth amendment is for a SOH requesting to open for the 2025-2026 school year and will further establish the agreement's terms.

An overview of these five (5) SOH PBA amendments may be found in Table 2 and additional details may be found in Attachment A. The amended PBAs can be accessed through the link provided on page 4. The attachments and links are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Table 2: AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL OF HOPE (SOH) PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENTS (PBA)				
Type of Amendment to the PBA*		Name of School of Hope	School of Hope Operator	Supporting Documentation
1.	Establishing academic achievement goals for Year 2 of the PBA	Mater Academy Kiwanis (MSID 5416)	Mater Academy, Inc.	ATTACHMENT A
2.	Establishing academic achievement goals for Year 2 of the PBA	Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422)		
3.	Establishing academic achievement goals for Year 2 of the PBA	Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412)		
4.	Name Change, School Location Identification, Reduction in Enrollment and Establishing Grades to be Served	Mater East Preparatory (MSID 5415)		
5	Establishing academic achievement goals for Year 1 of the PBA and Modifying grades to be served	Miami Tech at Mater Innovation Academy (MSID 5417)		

RENEWAL OF ONE SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENT

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. The renewal of this SOH PBA is now being presented for consideration in this item.

Policy 9800 requires that the Superintendent convene the Contract Review Committee (CRC) to meet publicly to establish the terms of the renewal PBA for presentation to the School Board for their final decision. Additionally, this SOH that is being presented for renewal has undergone a performance review prior to being considered for a renewal PBA. An overview of the agreement being presented in this item can be found in Table 3 and additional details may be found in Attachment B. The actual PBA and program review can be accessed through the link provided on page 4. The attachment and link are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item.

Renewal Contract	Name of School of Hope	School of Hope Operator	Committee Recommendation	Supporting Documentation
5-year renewal term*	KIPP Miami – Liberty City (MSID 2332)	KIPP Miami, Inc./ KIPP Team and Family Schools, Inc.	Approval ARC: November 9, 2023 CRC: April 4, 2024	ATTACHMENT B

*Pursuant to 1002.333(5)(i), F.S., a PBA shall be renewed, upon the request of the hope operator, unless the school fails to meet the requirements for student performance or generally accepted standards of fiscal management, or the school of hope materially violates the law or the terms of the agreement.

DUE PROCESS

To ensure proper notice and due process, all the non-profit legal entities were noticed of the Superintendent’s recommendation to the School Board and were provided a copy of the evaluation of the application, amended PBAs, and the renewal PBA prior to the School Board Meeting. Additionally, a copy of the renewal program review has been included with the renewal PBA.

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 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

LINKS:

[New Charter School Application](#)

[School of Hope Performance-Based Agreement Amendments and Performance Goals](#)

[School of Hope Performance-Based Agreement Renewal and Program Review](#)

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 the charter school application for BridgePrep Academy, Inc. d/b/a BridgePrep Academy of Miami Gardens 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 five (5) school of hope (SOH) performance-based agreements (PBA) with Mater Academy, Inc. d/b/a:
 1. Mater Academy Kiwanis (MSID 5416) to establish academic achievement goals for Year 2 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires June 30, 2027;
 2. Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422) to establish academic achievement goals for Year 2 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires June 30, 2027;
 3. Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412) to establish academic achievement goals for Year 2 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires June 30, 2027;

4. Mater East Preparatory (MSID 5415) to (a) change the school's name from Mater East Preparatory to Mater Academy Centro City; (b) add the school's address [3800 NW 11th Street, Miami, Florida 33126]; (c) change the grade level configuration from grades 6th through 8th to Kindergarten through 5th; (e) decrease student enrollment capacity from 1, 060 to 600, for a decrease of 460 students; and (f) modify the term of the contract to commence on July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030 providing the school with a five year term as required by law; and,
 5. Miami Tech at Mater Innovation Academy (MSID 5417) to establish academic achievement goals for Year 1 of the PBA and allow the school to expand the grade levels being served from grade 9th through 11th to 9th through 12th grade. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2028.
- C. Under section 1002.333, F.S., Persistently Low-Performing Schools, approve a renewal of a school of hope (SOH) performance-based agreement (PBA) with KIPP Miami, Inc., d/b/a KIPP Miami – Liberty City (MSID 2332) for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029.

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Amendments to the School of Hope Performance-Based Agreements for:

1. Mater Academy, Inc. d/b/a Mater Academy Kiwanis (MSID 5416);
2. Mater Academy, Inc. d/b/a Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422);
3. Mater Academy, Inc. d/b/a Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412);
4. Mater Academy, Inc. d/b/a Mater East Preparatory (MSID 5415); and,
5. Mater Academy, Inc. d/b/a Miami Tech at Mater Innovation Academy (MSID 5417).

AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENTS								
#	School of Hope Name	School Location	Current Term	Grade Levels Currently Being Served	Current Enrollment (Feb FTE)	School Grade/Rating (2021, 2022 & 2023)	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.	Mater Academy Kiwanis (MSID 5416)	998 SW First Street, Miami, Florida 33130	5 years	K – 5 th	184	NG NG A	<p>Recommended Action: Under s.1002.333, F.S., Persistently Low-Performing Schools, approve an amendment to establish academic achievement goals for Year 2 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires June 30, 2027.</p> <p>CRC: No CRC Required</p>	
	Mater Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade LLC		2022-2027	K – 5 th	950 students			
2.	Mater Brickell Academy High (MSID 5422)	230 SW 17 Road Miami, Florida 33129	5 years	9 th – 10 th	347	NG NG A	<p>Recommended Action: Under s.1002.333, F.S., Persistently Low-Performing Schools, approve an amendment to establish academic achievement goals for Year 2 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2027.</p> <p>CRC: No CRC Required</p>	City of Miami
	Mater Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade LLC		2022-2027	9 th – 12 th	800 students			
3.	Mater Brickell Academy Middle (MSID 5412)	230 SW 17 Road Miami, Florida 33129	5 years	6 th – 8 th	426	NG NG A	<p>Recommended Action: Under s.1002.333, F.S., Persistently Low-Performing Schools, approve an amendment to establish academic achievement goals for Year 2 of the PBA. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2027.</p> <p>CRC: No CRC Required</p>	Rojas VD 6
	Mater Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade LLC		2022-2027	6 th – 8 th	800 students			

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	ESP							Board Member
4.	Mater East Preparatory (MSID 5415)	3800 NW 11 Street Miami, Florida 33126	5 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Recommended Actions: Under section 1002.333, F.S., Persistently Low-Performing Schools, to (a) change the school's name from Mater East Preparatory to Mater Academy Centro City; (b) add the school's address [3800 NW 11th Street, Miami, Florida 33126]; (c) change the grade level configuration from grades 6th through 8th to Kindergarten through 5th; (e) decrease student enrollment capacity from 1,060 to 600, for a decrease of 460 students; and (f) modify the term of the contract to commence on July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030 providing the school with a five year term as required by law.</p> <p>Special Provision: Pursuant to s.1002.33, F.S. states that "the initial term of a charter shall be for 5 years, excluding 2 planning years." Additionally, the 2025-2026 will be the first year of operation of this school.</p> <p>CRC: No CRC Required</p>	City of Miami
	Mater Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade LLC		2022-2027	K – 5 th	1,060 students			Central Region Espino VD 5
5.	Miami Tech at Mater Innovation Academy (MSID 5417)	230 SW 17 Road Miami, Florida 33129	5 years	9 th – 10 th	18	NG	<p>Recommended Action: Under s.1002.333, F.S., Persistently Low-Performing Schools, approve an amendment to establish academic achievement goals for Year 1 of the PBA and allow the school to expand the grade levels being served from grade 9th through 11th to 9th through 12th grade. The PBA for this SOH expires on June 30, 2028.</p> <p>CRC: No CRC Required</p>	City of Miami
	Mater Academy, Inc. ESP: Academica Dade LLC		2023-2028	9 th – 12 th	800 students			Central Region Rojas VD 6

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Renewal of one School of Hope Performance-Based Agreement with:

1. KIPP Miami, Inc. / KIPP Team and Family Schools, Inc. d/b/a KIPP Miami – Liberty City (MSID 2332).

RENEWAL OF ONE SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENT								
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	School of Hope Operator			PBA Grade Levels	Maximum Contract Capacity			Region
	ESP		Initial / Exp.					Board Member
1.	KIPP Miami – Liberty City (MSID 2332)	3000 NW 110 Street Miami, Florida 33167	5 years	K – 8 th	1,186 students	NG F C	Recommended Action(s): To approve a renewal to a School of Hope (SOH) Performance-based Agreement (PBA) with KIPP Miami, Inc. d/b/a KIPP Miami – Liberty City (MSID 2332) for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029. ARC: November 9, 2023 CRC: April 4, 2024 Special Provisions: As required by Policy 9800 a program review was conducted and incorporated in the renewal process.	Unincorporated Miami-Dade
	KIPP Miami, Inc./ KIPP Team and Family Schools, Inc. ESP: N/A		2019-2024	K – 10 th	1,990 students			Central Region Bendross-Mindingall VD 2