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Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of February 12, 2025

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Office of Academics and Transformation

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH PHOENIX ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE.

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Per Section 1002.33(20)(b), F.S., school districts may provide goods and services to a charter school through a contract, separate from the charter contract, at a mutually agreed upon rate.

The Phoenix Academy of Excellence is dedicated to addressing the critical need for early intervention to support struggling middle school students, reduce dropout rates, and mitigate the current academic and social challenges. The school's model emphasizes a differentiated instructional approach that fosters academic achievement and personal success while addressing low student performance and behavioral issues. Through small learning environments, a structured curriculum, targeted instructional strategies, and intervention initiatives, the school addresses the cognitive and emotional needs of its students. Extended learning opportunities further support these efforts.

Key elements of the school's program include:

- Focusing on the improvement of reading skills;
- Using goal setting to motivate and support academic achievement and personal success;
- Utilizing Student Success Teams for improvement planning, intervention, and support;
- Integrating life skills instruction to promote academic and life-long success;
- Supporting career readiness, vocational, and post-secondary planning;
- Incorporating mentoring programs; and
- Extending learning time to enhance student outcomes.

Areas of support to be provided by the District under the proposed agreement include data analysis and progress monitoring services. Partial support services will include regulatory compliance, head of school/principal support, and school operation services. Additional services, including but not limited to food services and informational technology services, may be provided under separate contracts at cost.

This item seeks Board authorization for the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a charter school management agreement for services with Phoenix Academy of Excellence.

There is no cost to the District associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED:

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a charter school management agreement for services with Phoenix Academy of Excellence.