

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
May 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment 5 of Contract between the State Board of Education and SEED School of Miami, Inc.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.3305(4), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 1002.3305, Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education to contract with the operator of a college-preparatory boarding academy selected through a competitive request for proposals.

The Department of Education selected the SEED School of Miami, Inc. to operate the academy and entered into a contract in May 2014. The authorizing statute provides that the academy is created for the purpose of providing unique educational opportunities to dependent or at-risk children who are academic underperformers but who have the potential to progress from at-risk to college-bound.

Over the initial six years of this contract, SEED has provided a rigorous educational program that is fully aligned with the Florida Standards and is preparing students for success in college and beyond. The SEED School of Miami is Florida's only public boarding academy in which students remain on campus from Sunday evening through Friday afternoon. The school provides extended school days, a residential student life program, college admissions counseling, health and mental health services, extracurricular activities, home visits, and daily social skills reports.

Due to unforeseen delays in the completion of dormitory construction and increased security needs, the amendment to SEED's contract is required to incorporate additional services and reimbursement terms related to the boarding and safety of students. Amendment to Section IV., B, Operator's Responsibilities and Section V, Payment Terms and Schedule. Costs for any necessary alternative dormitory, security, transportation, repairs and maintenance will be processed as reimbursement. Funding provided to SEED for Year 6 of this contract will not exceed the unexpended balance for the 2019/2020 state fiscal year.

Supporting Documentation Included: Draft Renewal Contract for the Operation and Management of the SEED School of Miami; Exhibit 3: Reimbursement Budget

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