

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
May 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of New 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 last ten years of this contract, the SEED School of Miami has operated as 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.

The proposed contract will begin on July 1, 2024, and end on June 30, 2036, unless cancelled earlier in accordance with its terms. In addition to providing payments to support direct educational services, the contract also provides support for operational expenses relating to transportation, operations and maintenance, personnel and student services.

Supporting Documentation Included: Contract No. 25-822 (under separate cover)

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