

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**  
**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

<b>Meeting Date</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">11/15/11</div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"><b>Open Agenda</b> ___ Yes    <u>X</u> No</div><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"><b>Special Order Request</b> ___ Yes    <u>X</u> No</div></div>	<b>Agenda Item Number</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">F - 22</div>						
<b>TITLE:</b> Charter Application Approval – Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc. (Atlantic Montessori Charter School)								
<b>REQUESTED ACTION:</b> Approve the application for Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc. (Atlantic Montessori Charter School) to open a charter school serving grades K-3 for the 2012-2013, school year and authorize the Superintendent to issue a notice of approval. Subsequent School Board approval shall be required prior to the signing of a written charter school agreement (contract) establishing the operation of the charter school.								
<b>SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:</b> <p>Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes authorizes the establishment of charter schools in Florida. An application for a new charter school may be submitted by an individual, teachers, parents, a group of individuals, a municipality or a legal entity organized under the laws of this state. Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc. submitted a formal application to start a public charter school for the 2012-2013 school year. A district school board may sponsor a charter school in the county over which the board has jurisdiction. The district school board shall receive and review all applications for a charter school.</p> <p>The Superintendent of Schools appointed a Charter School Review Committee to review and analyze the application from Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc. The committee is comprised of representatives from curriculum, budget, facilities, district administration, transportation, Exceptional Student Education, ESOL and other areas of the organization. Utilizing the Model Florida Charter School application format, the committee reviewed the application in detail.</p> <p>Based on our review, the application is recommended for approval. The mission and academic design of the application meets the minimum requirements of state law and state standards. The school shall open as a public charter school serving a total of <b>72</b> students, grades <b>K-3</b>. The maximum capacity of the school will be <b>144</b> students. The final updated budget and insurance documents will be required prior to approval of the charter school agreement. The charter agreement shall address any issues identified by district staff, which require revision or further explanation. The charter school has adopted the same 180-day student calendar in place for the Broward County Public School System.</p> <p>A copy of all supporting documents is available online via the Broward County Public Schools eAgenda at: <a href="http://eagenda3.broward.k12.fl.us/cgi-bin/WebObjects/eAgenda">http://eagenda3.broward.k12.fl.us/cgi-bin/WebObjects/eAgenda</a></p> <p>This item has been approved as to form and legal content by the Office of the General Counsel.</p>								
<b>SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:</b> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"><div style="width: 30%;">___ • Goal One:</div><div style="width: 70%;">Raise achievement of all students to ensure graduation from high school and readiness for post-secondary education.</div><div style="width: 30%;">___ • Goal Two:</div><div style="width: 70%;">Improve the health and wellness of students and personnel.</div><div style="width: 30%;">X • Goal Three:</div><div style="width: 70%;">Provide a safe and secure physical and technological environment for all students and employees.</div><div style="width: 30%;">X • Goal Four:</div><div style="width: 70%;">Promote innovation, which focuses on best practices and quality efforts that improve our best-in-class position.</div><div style="width: 30%;">___ • Goal Five:</div><div style="width: 70%;">Recruit, develop, retain, and recognize high performing and diverse faculty and personnel.</div><div style="width: 30%;">___ • Goal Six:</div><div style="width: 70%;">Build strong partnerships with family, business, community and government at the classroom, school, area, and district level.</div><div style="width: 30%;">___ • Goal Seven:</div><div style="width: 70%;">Ensure district's leadership as an environmental steward through innovative ecology and energy conservation programs.</div></div>								
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b> There is no financial impact to the district.								
<b>EXHIBITS: (List)</b> 1. Executive Summary 2. Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc. (Atlantic Montessori Charter School) application 3. Draft letter of approval								
<b>BOARD ACTION:</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">APPROVED</div> <small>(For Official School Board Records' Office Only)</small>		<b>SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</b> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td>Leslie Brown</td><td style="text-align: right;">754-321-2130</td></tr><tr><td>Jody Perry</td><td style="text-align: right;">754-321-2135</td></tr><tr><td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">Name</td><td style="border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">Phone</td></tr></table>	Leslie Brown	754-321-2130	Jody Perry	754-321-2135	Name	Phone
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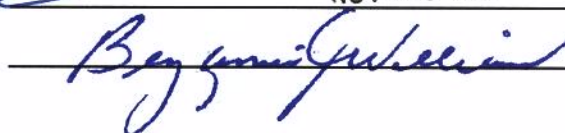
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**Dr. Joanne W. Harrison, Deputy Superintendent**  
**Educational Programs & Student Support**

Approved in Open Board Meeting on:

By: 

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School Board Chair

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