

**CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL COMMISSION**  
**Recommendation to State Board of Education, February 15, 2005**

LIFE SKILLS CENTER POLK COUNTY, INC.

Petitioner,

v.

SCHOOL BOARD OF  
POLK COUNTY

DOE Case No. 2004-1028

RECOMMENDATION

On October 26, 2004, the School Board of Polk County (School Board) voted to deny the charter application of Life Skills Center Polk County, Inc. (Charter applicant). The School Board's letter of denial was dated November 5, 2004. The Charter applicant filed this appeal on December 2, 2004. On January 24, 2005, the Charter School Appeal Commission heard the appeal of this matter. **Thereafter, the Commission voted 7 to 0 to recommend to the State Board of Education to grant the appeal of the Charter applicant.** The Commission's justifications for its recommendation were as follows:

- A. The Commission voted 7 to 0 to recommend that the School Board **did not** have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Charter Application was not sufficient based on concerns regarding whether the targeted student population could meet the standards of Florida's A+ grading system as required by Florida Statutes §1002.33.
- B. The Commission voted 7 to 0 to recommend that the School Board's denial of the Charter Application based on concerns regarding whether the targeted student population could meet the standards of Florida's A+ grading system **is not** statutory good cause for denial under Florida Statute §1002.33.

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Kim McDougal, Commissioner's Designee  
Charter School Appeal Commission

FILED with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Education this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2005.

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