

**CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL COMMISSION**  
**Recommendation to State Board of Education, February 20, 2007**

IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL  
AT PASCO

Petitioner,

v.

SCHOOL BOARD OF  
PASCO COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_/ DOE Case No.2006-1249

RECOMMENDATION

On October 17, 2006, the School Board of Pasco County (School Board) voted to deny the charter application of Imagine Charter School at Pasco (Charter applicant). The School Board's letter of denial was dated October 24, 2006. The Charter applicant filed this appeal on November 27, 2006. On January 29, 2007, the Charter School Appeal Commission heard the appeal of this matter. **Thereafter, the Commission voted 5 to 3 to recommend to the State Board of Education to deny the appeal of the Charter applicant.** The Commission's justifications for its recommendation were as follows:

1. The Commission voted 7 to 1 that the School Board **did** have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the charter school application had inadequate financial planning predicated on enrollment and revenue.
2. The Commission voted 6 to 2 that the School Board's denial of the charter school application, based upon inadequate financial planning predicated on enrollment and revenue **is** statutory good cause for denial of the charter application.
3. The Commission voted 8 to 0 that the School Board **did not** have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the charter school application had a lack of community support.
4. The Commission voted 8 to 0 that the School Board **did not** have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the charter school application did have: Inadequate Curriculum, Assessment, and Advancement Placement; Absence of Clearly Defined Reading strategies for Students with Above and Below Reading Ability; Goals and Objectives Are Not Measurable; An Inadequately Developed ESE and ESOL Program (Specially Based Upon the Proposed Budget); and Failure to Provide Plans to Identify Students in the Lowest Quartile and to Raise This Group's Achievement Level.

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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  
2007.

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