

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 17, 2007

### **SUBJECT: Charter School Appeal Commission Recommendation**

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#### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission related to the review of the appeals heard on April 5, 2007.

#### **AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, requires the Charter School Appeal Commission to make written recommendations to the State Board of Education to accept or reject the decision of a district school board to deny a charter application.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Charter School Appeal Commission was created pursuant to Section 1002.33(6), Florida Statutes, to assist the Commissioner and the State Board of Education with a fair and impartial review of appeals by applicants whose charters have been denied or whose charter contracts have not been renewed by their sponsors.

The Commission is responsible for providing a "written recommendation" to the Commissioner of Education stating whether the appeal should be upheld or denied and includes the reasons for the recommendation being offered. The State Board must consider the Commission's recommendation, but is not bound by the recommendation. By majority vote, the State Board must accept or reject the decision of the district school board no later than 90 calendar days after an appeal is filed.

The Charter School Appeal Commission met on April 5, 2007, to consider the charter school appeals filed in the fall of 2006/07 of Cornerstone Academy for Higher Standards, Inc. vs. Palm Beach County School Board and Imagine Schools Non-Profit, Inc., and Imagine-Indian River, LLC, d/b/a Imagine Charter School at Indian River.

**Appeal Commission Recommends Denying the Charter School Appeal** (i.e., uphold the school board decision)

- Cornerstone Academy for Higher Standards, Inc. vs. Palm Beach County School Board  
(Final vote: 6:0)

**Appeal Commission Recommends Granting the Charter School Appeal** (i.e., overturn the school board decision)

- Imagine Charter School at South Indian River (Microsociety) vs. Indian River School Board
- Imagine Charter School at Indian River (Project CHILD) vs. Indian River School Board

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Charter School Appeal Commission Recommendation and Technical Assistance Paper.

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Dr. Kim McDougal, Commissioner's Designee as Chair  
Charter School Appeal Commission