

**CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL COMMISSION**  
**Recommendation to State Board of Education, April 17, 2007**

CORNERSTONE ACADEMY FOR  
HIGHER STANDARDS, INC.

Petitioner,

v.

SCHOOL BOARD OF  
PALM BEACH COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_/ DOE Case No.2007-1266

RECOMMENDATION

On December 13, 2006, the School Board of Palm Beach County (School Board) voted to deny the charter application of Cornerstone Academy for Higher Standards, Inc. (Charter applicant). The School Board's letter of denial was dated December 20, 2006. The Charter applicant filed this appeal on January 16, 2007. On April 5, 2007, the Charter School Appeal Commission heard the appeal of this matter. **Thereafter, the Commission voted 6 to 0 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 6 to 0 that the School Board did have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of "Academic Design: Educational Programs".
2. The Commission voted 6 to 0 that the School Board's denial of the Application based on its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of "Academic Design: Educational Programs" was statutory good cause for denial.
3. The Commission voted 6 to 0 that the School Board did have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of "Student Assessment".
4. The Commission voted 6 to 0 that the School Board's denial of the Application based on its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of "Student Assessment" was statutory good cause for denial.

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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 April  
2007.

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