

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

IMAGINE SCHOOLS NON-PROFIT, INC.,
AND IMAGINE-INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, LLC,
d/b/a IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT
INDIAN RIVER

Petitioner,

v.

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

_____/ DOE Case No.2007-1292

RECOMMENDATION

On January 9, 2007, the School Board of Indian River County (School Board) voted to deny the charter application of Imagine Charter School at South Indian River (Microsociety) (Charter applicant). The School Board's letter of denial was dated January 17, 2007. The Charter applicant filed this appeal on February 17, 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 grant 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 not have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of "Improve Student Learning and Academic Achievement."
2. The Commission voted 6 to 0 that the School Board did not have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of "Increase learning opportunities for all students, with special emphasis on low-performing students and reading."
3. The Commission voted 6 to 0 that the School Board did not have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of "Require the Measurement of Learning Outcomes."

4. The Commission voted 6 to 0 that the School Board did not have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the application was statutorily deficient pursuant to 1002.33 (6)(a)5, Florida Statutes for the annual financial plan including: FTE Membership Projections; Revenue Projections; Cost of Programs Not Identified or Budgeted in the Application; Class Size Amendment and Indirect Costs & Management Fee.

Kim McDougal, Commissioner's Designee
Charter School Appeal Commission

FILED with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Education this _____ day of April 2007.

AGENCY CLERK