

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item  
October 16, 2007

**SUBJECT: Consideration of Applications to Retain Exclusivity to  
Authorize Charter Schools**

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Accept or Reject the Recommendation of the Commissioner

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

1002.335(5)(e), Florida Statutes

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On September 18, 2007, the State Board of Education began hearing public testimony relating to the applications for exclusivity from school district and charter school representatives. The State Board took final action to deny exclusive authority to Baker, Charlotte, Clay, DeSoto, Gilchrist, Hardee, Jefferson, and Suwannee County School Districts as they had no discernable history of charter school sponsorships. After lengthy debate, the Board deferred the item to the October 16, 2007, State Board meeting with the agreement that the Department would work with reviewers to ensure that the findings clearly reflect the documents submitted by school districts and charter schools. As a result the chart summarizing reviewer ratings was revised to reflect any changes and is provided in Attachment A.

Commissioner Blomberg has made available to the Board and public the attached documents outlining the process and procedures for the public hearing on October 16, 2007. Commissioner Blomberg will provide a recommendation to grant or deny for each of the 31 applications submitted by school districts consistent with Attachment C and in the order established on Attachment D.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Memo to State Board Members, Attachments A, B, C, D, and E, Rule 6A-6.0783, FAC., Section 1002.33 and 1002.335, Florida Statutes.

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