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PROPOSED COMMISSION ACTION

To approve or deny charter school applications

AUTHORITY FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Art. 9, § 2, Fla. Const.; §§ 1002.335(4), (9), (10), and 1002.33(6), (7), Fla. Stat.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Following a two-tiered charter school application review process, a team of three reviewers from the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) independently evaluated the four (4) charter school applications for existing schools wishing to transfer to the FSE Commission. Subsequently, the three reviewers reached a consensus on each evaluation criteria identified in the charter school application review rubric. A score was assigned to each criterion and totaled for the application. This overall score was compared with the 85 percent threshold entitling a charter school applicant to an automatic interview. One charter school application met this threshold. Interviews occurred between February 21, 2008. A panel of interviewers reached a consensus based on each of the interview criteria approved by the Commission relevant to the applicant and written information requested by the interviewers.

Based upon this information, the executive director has made a recommendation to the Commission based on the overall review process and criteria as approved by the Commission, to approve or deny each of the charter school applications not withdrawn. See Appendixes A, B and C. The Commission is required to make a decision based on the record and any testimony offered at the meeting whether each application satisfies the statutory requirements for approval set forth in F.S. 1002.33(6). In the event the Commission disagrees with a recommendation to deny a charter school which has not received an automatic interview, the Commission may approve the application or request an interview which will be scheduled as soon as possible and a decision on the application delayed.

Approval of a charter school shall be subject to law and the requirement that the Commission and charter school enter into a charter which must also be approved by the Commission. F.S. 1002.33(7) requires that the major issues involving the operation of a charter school be considered in advance and written into any such charter.

Recommended Action: Approve or Deny Charter School Applications

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Appendix A:

The following charter school applications have been withdrawn at the request of the applicant:

- Athenia Academy of Pasco County
- Messianique Charter School

Appendix B:

The following applications are being recommended for approval:

- Odyssey Charter School

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Appendix C:

The following charter school applications are recommended for denial on the grounds separately identified.

Applicant name: St. Peter's Academy

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
6. Exceptional Students

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management
12. Employment

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
17. Budget

Applicant name: Newpoint Preparatory of Hillsborough

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
6. Exceptional Students
7. English Language Learners (ELL)
8. School Climate and Discipline

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management
12. Employment
13. Parent and Community Support and Partnerships

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
16. Transportation and Food Service
17. Budget
18. Financial Management and Oversight
19. Action Plan

Applicant name: Newpoint Preparatory of Lake

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
6. Exceptional Students
7. English Language Learners (ELL)
8. School Climate and Discipline

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management
12. Employment
13. Parent and Community Support and Partnerships

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
16. Transportation and Food Service
17. Budget
18. Financial Management and Oversight
19. Action Plan

Applicant name: Newpoint Preparatory of Marion

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
6. Exceptional Students
7. English Language Learners (ELL)
8. School Climate and Discipline

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management
12. Employment
13. Parent and Community Support and Partnerships
14. Student Recruitment and Enrollment

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
16. Transportation and Food Service
17. Budget
18. Financial Management and Oversight
19. Action Plan

Applicant name: Newpoint Preparatory of Osceola

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
18. Financial Management and Oversight

Applicant name: Newpoint Preparatory of Pasco

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
18. Financial Management and Oversight

Applicant name: Community Green of DeSoto

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
7. English Language Learners (ELL)
8. School Climate and Discipline

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management
14. Student Recruitment and Enrollment

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
19. Action Plan

Applicant name: Community Green of Charlotte

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
8. School Climate and Discipline

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management

III. Business Plan

17. Budget
18. Financial Management and Oversight

Applicant name: St. Petersburg Workforce Academy

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
7. English Language Learners (ELL)
8. School Climate and Discipline

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
16. Transportation and Food Service
17. Budget

Applicant name: Dayspring Charter Middle School

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
6. Exceptional Students

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management
11. Education Service Provider
12. Employment
14. Student Recruitment and Enrollment

III. Business Plan

17. Budget

Applicant name: Champions Charter Middle School

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
6. Exceptional Students

II. Organizational Plan

10. Management
11. Education Service Provider
12. Employment

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
17. Budget
19. Action Plan

Applicant name: Survivors Charter School of North Broward

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

- 3. Educational Philosophy
- 4. Curriculum Plan
- 5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
- 6. Exceptional Students

II. Organizational Plan

- 9. Governance
- 11. Education Service Provider
- 13. Parent and Community Support and Partnerships
- 14. Student Recruitment and Enrollment

III. Business Plan

- 15. Facilities

Applicant name: Miami-Dade Charter School of Excellence

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
6. Exceptional Students
7. English Language Learners (ELL)
8. School Climate and Discipline

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management
11. Education Service Provider
12. Employment
14. Student Recruitment and Enrollment

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
16. Transportation and Food Service
17. Budget
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19. Action Plan

Applicant name: Space Coast Academy

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
6. Exceptional Students
7. English Language Learners (ELL)
8. School Climate and Discipline

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management
12. Employment

III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
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Applicant name: Einstein Montessori Academy

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

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1. Mission, Guiding Principle and Purpose
2. Target Population and Student Body
3. Educational Philosophy
4. Curriculum Plan
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6. Exceptional Students
7. English Language Learners (ELL)
8. School Climate and Discipline

II. Organizational Plan

9. Governance
10. Management
12. Employment
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Applicant name: Life Skills Center – Palm Springs, Inc.

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

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III. Business Plan

15. Facilities
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Applicant name: Survivor's Charter School of North Miami County

Criteria not fully met for this particular applicant are:

I. Educational Plan

- 3. Educational Philosophy
- 4. Curriculum Plan

II. Organizational Plan

- 9. Governance
- 10. Management
- 12. Employment

III. Business Plan

- 16. Transportation and Food Service
- 17. Budget
- 18. Financial Management and Oversight