

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 18, 2003

SUBJECT: The Ranch School, Inc. vs. the School Board of Sarasota County

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Accept Recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Charter School Appeal Commission met on March 6, 2003, to hear presentations relating to the above charter school appeal. Each party was given 20 minutes to make a presentation. The Ranch School was represented by Mari-Jean Melissa; the School Board of Sarasota County was represented by Ken Marsh. After the presentations, questions were asked of both parties by the Charter School Appeal Commission. The recommendation as attached represents the vote of the Commission.

Supporting Documentation Included: Charter School Appeal Analysis and Recommendation

Facilitators/Presenters: Dr. Alex Penn-Williams, Executive Director of Independent Education