STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Consent Item September 13, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.099827, Charter School Corrective Action and School Improvement Plans

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.33(28), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed rule revises the criteria used to identify charter schools required to submit and implement an academic correction action plan to the district sponsor, pursuant to Section 1002.33(9), Florida Statutes, as described below:

- New criteria: Three consecutive years earning a school grade below "C"
- Old criteria: Three consecutive grades of "D"; two consecutive grades of "D" followed by a grade of "F"; or two non-consecutive grades of "F" in a three-year period

The proposed rule also removes the requirement for charter schools with a grade of "D" or "F" that improve at least one letter grade to continue implementing strategies identified in the approved school improvement plan. The rule conforms to revisions to Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, made during the 2017 legislative session.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.099827, F.A.C.

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6A-1.099827 Charter School Corrective Action and School Improvement Plans.

(1) Required Plans.

(a) A charter school that receives a school grade of "D" or "F" pursuant to Section 1008.34(2), F.S., must develop and submit a school improvement plan to its sponsor.

(b) A charter school that earns three (3) consecutive grades <u>below a "C" of "D", two (2) consecutive grades of</u> "D" followed by a grade of "F", or two (2) nonconsecutive grades of "F" within a three (3) year period must submit to its sponsor a school improvement plan that includes one of the corrective actions listed in subsection (6) of this rule.

- (2) through (3) No Change.
- (4) School Improvement Plans.
- (a) No Change.

(b) A charter school that improves at least one (1) letter grade is not required to submit a new school improvement plan but must continue to implement the strategies identified in the approved school improvement plan and continue to report annually to the sponsor pursuant to paragraph (7)(b) of this rule.

(e) (b) A charter school that is subject to corrective action pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) of this rule shall submit to its sponsor a school improvement plan that includes, at a minimum, each of the components listed in paragraph (4)(a) of this rule and the following:

1. Governing board resolution selecting one of the corrective action options pursuant to subsection (6) of this rule;

2. A detailed implementation timeline; and,

3. A charter school may submit as part of its school improvement plan a request to waive the requirement to implement a corrective action. The waiver request must include information that demonstrates that the school is likely to improve a letter grade if additional time is provided to implement the strategies included in the school improvement plan.

(5) No Change.

- (6) Corrective Actions.
- (a) through (b) No Change.

(c) A charter school is no longer required to implement a corrective action if it improves to a "C" or higher by at least one (1) letter grade, but must continue to implement the strategies identified in the school improvement plan. (d) A charter school implementing a corrective action that does not improve to a "C" or higher by at least one (1) letter grade after two (2) full school years of implementation must select a different corrective action to be implemented in the next school year unless the sponsor determines that the charter school is likely to improve a letter grade if additional time is provided.

(7) through (8) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 1002.33 FS. Law Implemented 1002.33(9) FS. History–New 8-21-12, Amended 10-22-13, 12-20-16.