

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

January 17, 2018

SUBJECT: Approval of Step Up For Students, Inc. as a Scholarship Funding Organization for 2018-2019

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the renewal of Step Up For Students, Inc. as an eligible Scholarship Funding Organization (SFO) for purposes of administering the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program and the Gardiner Scholarship Program for 2018-19.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.395(16), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to participate in the FTC or Gardiner Scholarship Programs, a charitable organization that seeks to be a nonprofit SFO must submit an application for initial approval or renewal to the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice no later than September 1 of each year before the school year for which the organizations intends to offer scholarships. In consultation with the Department of Revenue and the Chief Financial Officer, the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice reviews the application and the Commissioner of Education recommends approval or denial of the application to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall approve or deny the application.

Supporting Documentation Included: Application packet for Step Up For Students, Inc. (under separate cover)

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