

**RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA TO  
RETAIN EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE CHARTER SCHOOLS WITHIN  
THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SARASOTA  
COUNTY FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, over the past decade charter schools have become an increasingly important component in providing public school educational choices for students in grades K through 12; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida approved its first charter school in 1997 and currently has 9 charter schools in operation in the School District of Sarasota County; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida has faithfully complied with the provisions of Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, relating to charter schools, and has provided fair and equitable treatment to charter schools in the School District of Sarasota County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Florida has authorized the establishment of the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission as a charter school authorizing entity pursuant to Section 1002.335, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, within that statute the Legislature has also established a process by which District School Boards may apply to retain exclusive authority to authorize charter schools within the geographic boundaries of its school district; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida has previously submitted a Resolution to the State Board of

Education seeking to retain exclusive authority to authorize charter schools within the geographic boundaries of the School District of Sarasota County; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida desires to retain exclusive authority to authorize charter schools within the geographic boundaries of the School District of Sarasota County for the 2007-2008 school year and for the State Board of Education to treat its prior application as an application for the 2007-2008 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida submits this Resolution pursuant to Section 1002.335(5)(c), Florida Statutes, and does so without waiving any of the constitutional powers, rights, and authority given to it under Article IX, Section 4 of the Florida Constitution, which vests in school boards the sole authority to operate, control, and supervise all free public schools within their districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, in a public meeting duly called and assembled:

1. That pursuant to Section 1002.335(5)(c), Florida Statutes, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida desires and intends to retain exclusive authority to authorize charter schools within the geographic boundaries of the School District of Sarasota County for the 2007-2008 school year.

2. That the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida desires and intends for the State Board of Education to treat its prior application as an application for the 2007-2008 school year.

3. That a complete copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each charter school authorized by the School Board on or before the date this Resolution is submitted to the State Board of Education.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2007.

ATTEST:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Gary Norris,  
Ex-Officio Secretary

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Kovach,  
Chairman