



## MEMORANDUM

To: School Board Members  
Sarasota County Public Schools

From: Dr. Natalie Roca, Executive Director  
Division of Integrated Instructional Services  
  
Charter Review Committee Members

Date: February 17, 2012

Re: Charter School Application Review Findings for the State College of Florida  
Collegiate School A+STEM at Venice

In December 2011, the district received its first collegiate charter school application, submitted by the State College of Florida (SCF), for the Collegiate School A+STEM charter school to open on the Venice campus in the fall of 2012. As you know, F.S. 1002.33 provides for Florida college institutions to establish charter schools that offer secondary education and the option for students to receive an AA degree upon high school graduation. Unlike K-12 charter school applications, Florida College System applications are not subject to the same time lines and may be evaluated and approved by the district School Board at any time during the year.

The district Charter Review Committee (CRC) met on January 19 and January 26, 2012 to review the SCF application for its compliance with statute and its evidence of meeting standards necessary for the operation of a high quality charter school. The CRC followed the state guidelines and used the Florida Department of Education Charter School Application Evaluation Instrument to evaluate and rate each of the 19 standards.

The CRC provided the initial findings and feedback to the applicant on January 31, 2012. The SCF charter applicant was provided the opportunity to clarify or amend the application based upon the CRC's feedback and did so on February 8, 2012. In addition, SCF representatives met with the CRC on February 9, 2012 to review the additional information provided and to address or clarify any other concerns expressed by the committee.

The attached summary chart and the CRC evaluation findings reflect the comments of CRC members and the applicants themselves as well as summary findings and ratings reflective of the extent to which the CRC believes the standards have been met in the application. Hopefully, these comments will be helpful to you as you prepare for your workshop with the SCF Collegiate School A+STEM charter applicant next Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The applicant is aware that the Board may have additional questions that they may be called upon to address.

The agenda item related to School Board approval/denial of this application is scheduled for the February 21, 2012 School Board meeting.

Please feel free to call on me if there is anything I can do to assist you in preparing for your workshop.

Respectfully,



Natalie Roca, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Integrated Instructional Services

Attachments

cc: Lori White, Superintendent  
Katrina Ward  
Charter Review Committee Members

**Sarasota County Public Schools  
2011-2012 Charter School Application Process**

**Charter Review Committee Ratings In Response to Applicant's Revisions and Addenda  
State College of Florida Collegiate School A+STEM at Venice**

Charter School Application Section	Rating of Standards		
	Initial CRC Rating *	Second CRC Rating **	Final CRC Rating
1. Mission, Guiding Principles and Purpose	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
2. Target Population and Student Body	Partially Meets	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
3. Educational Program Design	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
4. Curriculum Plan	Partially Meets	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
6. Exceptional Students	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
7. English Language Learners	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
8. School Climate and Discipline	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
9. Governance	Meets	Meets	Meets
10. Management	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
11. Education Service Providers	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
12. Employment	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
13. Student Recruitment and Enrollment	Partially Meets	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
14. Facilities	Meets	Meets	Meets
15. Transportation	Meets	Meets	Meets
16. Food Service	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
17. Budget	Partially Meets	Meets	Meets
18. Financial Management and Oversight	Meets	Meets	Meets
19. Action Plan	Meets	Meets	Meets

\* Initial ratings based on CRC's review on 1/19/12 and 1/26/12 of the charter application.

\*\* Second rating based on CRC's review of applicant's response (2/8/12) to initial feedback and concerns and discussions held at the 2/9/12 interview.

Final rating based on review of additional information provided on 2/13/12.

February 16, 2012