



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: October 14, 2011

Re: 2011-12 Charter School Application Review Summaries and Findings

On August 1, 2011 the district received six applications for new charter schools to open in the fall of 2012. Since that time, one of the applicants withdrew their application and we now have five candidates for your review. The district Charter Review Committee (CRC), along with a charter school consultant, has carefully reviewed each application for its compliance with statute and its evidence of meeting standards necessary for the operation of a high quality charter school.

The CRC members completed their first review and provided the initial findings and feedback to the applicants on September 20, 2011. Applicants were provided the opportunity to clarify or amend their applications based upon the CRC's feedback until September 27, 2011. Electronic copies and hard copy sets of the original applications, addenda, and the committee's work through October 7th were made available to you last week.

The attached summary charts and evaluations 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 applications. Hopefully, these comments will be helpful to you as you prepare for your workshop with these applicants next Tuesday, October 18, 2011. The applicants will receive these summary reviews so they will be aware of the areas of continued concern raised by the reviewers. The applicants are also aware that the Board may have additional questions that they may be called upon to address.

Following the School Board Workshop, the applicants are invited to a final clarification interview on October 27, 2011 to discuss any unresolved issues or concerns of the Charter Review Committee and the School Board. Agenda items related to Board approval of these applications are set for the November 15, 2011, 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.

Cc: Lori White, Superintendent
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
Global Outreach Charter Academy of Sarasota**

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

* Initial ratings based on CRC's review of the 8/1/11 charter application.

** Second rating based on CRC's review of applicant's response (9/27/11) to initial feedback and concerns.

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**Charter Review Committee Ratings In Response to Applicant's Revisions and Addenda
Sarasota Charter Academy of Excellence**

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

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**Charter Review Committee Ratings In Response to Applicant's Revisions and Addenda
Threefold Charter School Application**

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

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**Charter Review Committee Ratings In Response to Applicant's Revisions and Addenda
Sarasota School for Social Justice**

Charter School Application Section	Rating of Standards	
	Initial CRC Rating *	Second CRC Rating **
1. Mission, Guiding Principles and Purpose	Meets	Meets
2. Target Population and Student Body	Meets	Meets
3. Educational Program Design	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
4. Curriculum Plan	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
6. Exceptional Students	Does Not Meet	Partially Meets
7. English Language Learners	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet
8. School Climate and Discipline	Meets	Meets
9. Governance	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
10. Management	Partially Meets	Meets
11. Education Service Providers	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
12. Employment	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
13. Student Recruitment and Enrollment	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
14. Facilities	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet
15. Transportation	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
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17. Budget	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet
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**Charter Review Committee Ratings In Response to Applicant's Revisions and Addenda
The Learning Place Academy Charter School, K-8**

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