



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: September 11, 2014

Re: 2014-15 Charter School Application Review Preliminary Findings

On August 1, 2014 the district received four applications for new charter schools to open in the fall of 2015. The district Charter Review Committee (CRC) used the *Florida Charter School Application Evaluation Instrument* to evaluate each application for compliance with state statutes and its evidence of meeting standards necessary for the operation of a high quality charter school. Electronic copies and hard copy sets of the original applications were made available to you a few weeks ago.

The attached *Initial Ratings* charts and the *Analysis of Application and Initial Findings, September 11, 2014* reports reflect the CRC's preliminary findings and ratings reflective of the extent to which the CRC believes the standards have been met in the applications. Hopefully, these reviews will be helpful to you as you prepare for your Work Session with the applicants next Tuesday, September 16, 2014. The applicants and members of the proposed schools' founding board are also aware that the School Board may have additional questions that they may be called upon to address. Applicants are provided the opportunity to clarify their applications based upon the CRC's specific questions until September 18, 2014.

Following the School Board Work Session, the applicants are invited to a final clarification interview with the CRC on October 2, 2014, to discuss any unresolved issues and to corroborate the information in the application. Final evaluation ratings will be determined at that time. The charter school applications are scheduled for the October 21, 2014 School Board meeting at which time the Board will take action to approve or deny each application.

Please feel free to call on me if there is anything I can do to assist.

Attachments

cc: Lori White, Superintendent, Sarasota County Schools
Katrina Ward, Supervisor, School Choice & Charter Schools
Charter Review Committee Members

**Sarasota County Public Schools
2014-2015 Charter School Application Process
Charter Review Committee (CRC) Ratings**

Applicant: Horizons Unlimited Creative Learning Academy

Charter School Application Section	Initial CRC Rating
Educational Plan	0% Meets 87.5% Partially Meets 12.5% Does Not Meet
1. Mission, Guiding Principles and Purpose	Partially Meets
2. Target Population and Student Body	Partially Meets
3. Educational Program Design	Partially Meets
4. Curriculum Plan	Does Not Meet
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation	Partially Meets
6. Exceptional Students	Partially Meets
7. English Language Learners	Partially Meets
8. School Climate and Discipline	Partially Meets
Organizational Plan	0% Meets 100% Partially Meets 0% Does Not Meet
9. Governance	Partially Meets
10. Management	Partially Meets
11. Education Service Providers	(Not Applicable)
12. Human Resources & Employment	Partially Meets
13. Student Recruitment and Enrollment	Partially Meets
Business Plan	0% Meets 83% Partially Meets 17% Does Not Meet
14. Facilities	Partially Meets
15. Transportation Service	Partially Meets
16. Food Service	Partially Meets
17. Budget	Does Not Meet
18. Financial Management and Oversight	Partially Meets
19. Action Plan	Partially Meets
Initial Ratings Summary – All Standards (1-19)	0% Meets 89% Partially Meets 11% Does Not Meet

Note: These are not considered the final ratings. Initial ratings are solely based on CRC's review of the written charter application submitted on August 1, 2014.

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Charter Review Committee (CRC) Ratings**

Applicant: Our Children's Charter School Sarasota

Charter School Application Section	Initial CRC Rating
Educational Plan	0% Meets 0% Partially Meets 100% Does Not Meet
1. Mission, Guiding Principles and Purpose	Does Not Meet
2. Target Population and Student Body	Does Not Meet
3. Educational Program Design	Does Not Meet
4. Curriculum Plan	Does Not Meet
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation	Does Not Meet
6. Exceptional Students	Does Not Meet
7. English Language Learners	Does Not Meet
8. School Climate and Discipline	Does Not Meet
Organizational Plan	0% Meets 0% Partially Meets 100% Does Not Meet
9. Governance	Does Not Meet
10. Management	Does Not Meet
11. Education Service Providers	(Not Applicable)
12. Human Resources & Employment	Does Not Meet
13. Student Recruitment and Enrollment	Does Not Meet
Business Plan	% Meets 17% Partially Meets 83% Does Not Meet
14. Facilities	Does Not Meet
15. Transportation Service	Does Not Meet
16. Food Service	Does Not Meet
17. Budget	Does Not Meet
18. Financial Management and Oversight	Does Not Meet
19. Action Plan	Partially Meets
Initial Ratings Summary – All Standards (1-19)	0% Meets 6% Partially Meets 94% Does Not Meet

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Applicant: Plato Academy Charter School

Charter School Application Section	Initial CRC Rating
Educational Plan	12.5% Meets 75% Partially Meets 12.5% Does Not Meet
1. Mission, Guiding Principles and Purpose	Meets
2. Target Population and Student Body	Partially Meets
3. Educational Program Design	Partially Meets
4. Curriculum Plan	Partially Meets
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation	Partially Meets
6. Exceptional Students	Partially Meets
7. English Language Learners	Does Not Meet
8. School Climate and Discipline	Partially Meets
Organizational Plan	0% Meets 100% Partially Meets 0% Does Not Meet
9. Governance	Partially Meets
10. Management	Partially Meets
11. Education Service Providers	Partially Meets
12. Human Resources & Employment	Partially Meets
13. Student Recruitment and Enrollment	Partially Meets
Business Plan	67% Meets 33% Partially Meets 0% Does Not Meet
14. Facilities	Meets
15. Transportation Service	Partially Meets
16. Food Service	Meets
17. Budget	Partially Meets
18. Financial Management and Oversight	Meets
19. Action Plan	Meets
Initial Ratings Summary – All Standards (1-19)	26% Meets 69% Partially Meets 5% Does Not Meet

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Applicant: SKY Academy of Englewood

Charter School Application Section	Initial CRC Rating
Educational Plan	37.5% Meets 50% Partially Meets 12.5% Does Not Meet
1. Mission, Guiding Principles and Purpose	Meets
2. Target Population and Student Body	Partially Meets
3. Educational Program Design	Partially Meets
4. Curriculum Plan	Partially Meets
5. Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation	Meets
6. Exceptional Students	Partially Meets
7. English Language Learners	Does Not Meet
8. School Climate and Discipline	Meets
Organizational Plan	50% Meets 50% Partially Meets 0% Does Not Meet
9. Governance	Partially Meets
10. Management	Meets
11. Education Service Providers	(Not Applicable)
12. Human Resources & Employment	Meets
13. Student Recruitment and Enrollment	Partially Meets
Business Plan	50% Meets 50% Partially Meets 0% Does Not Meet
14. Facilities	Partially Meets
15. Transportation Service	Partially Meets
16. Food Service	Meets
17. Budget	Partially Meets
18. Financial Management and Oversight	Meets
19. Action Plan	Meets
Initial Ratings Summary – All Standards (1-19)	44% Meets 50% Partially Meets 6% Does Not Meet

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