



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 12, 2012

Re: 2012-13 Charter School Application Review Preliminary Findings

On August 1, 2012 the district received five applications for new charter schools to open in the fall of 2013. 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. The names of the charter applications along with a brief description of the proposed school, grade levels and enrollment are attached for your convenience. Electronic copies and hard copy sets of the original applications were made available to you last week.

The attached summary charts and the *Analysis of Application and Initial Findings, September 11, 2012* 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 workshop with these applicants next Tuesday, September 18, 2012. 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 19, 2012.

Following the School Board Work Session, the applicants are invited to a final clarification interview with the CRC on September 27, 2012, to discuss any unresolved issues or concerns of the Charter Review Committee and the School Board. Final evaluation ratings will be determined at that time. The charter school applications are scheduled for the October 16, 2012 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 you in preparing for your workshop.

Attachments

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

**Charter School Applications
2012-2013**

School Name Focus/Key Program	School Focus/Key Program	Target Population Possible site	Grade Levels/Enrollment Start to Year 5
AMIkids Sarasota County	<i>AMIkids Personal Growth Model</i> Experiential curriculum that incorporates positive behavior support and social development	All district students 1844 17 th Street, Sarasota	Year 1: gr. 7 - 9, 45 students by Year 5: gr. 7 - 12, 96 students
The Classical Academy of Sarasota	Classical liberal arts education using the <i>Core Knowledge Sequence</i> curriculum	All district students TBD (maybe corner Wilkinson & McIntosh)	Year 1: K - 8, 295 students by Year 5: K - 12, 658 students
The Florida Center for Early Childhood Starfish Academy	Pre-school and kindergarten ESE and general education Social-emotional, language and cognitive foundations	All district students 4260 17 th Street, Sarasota -and- Outreach Way, North Port	Year 1: Pre K - K, 60 students by Year 5: Pre K - K, 60 students
Sarasota Academy of the Arts	Academic program infused with visual and performing arts programs	All district students and neighboring counties 4466 Fruitville Road, Sarasota	Year 1: K - 8, 192 students by Year 5: K - 8, 232 students
Visible Men Academy (VMA)	Academic, social and character education Single gender education model	Male students, low income and at risk, with focus on African-American males North Sarasota County/Newtown	Year 1: K - 3, 162 students by Year 5: K - 8, 494 students

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**Initial Charter Review Committee Ratings for:
AMIkids Sarasota County**

26%	Meets
37%	Partially Meets
37%	Does Not Meet

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

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**Initial Charter Review Committee Ratings for:
The Classical Academy of Sarasota**

22% Meets
50% Partially Meets
28% Does Not Meet

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

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**Initial Charter Review Committee Ratings for:
The Florida Center for Early Childhood Starfish Academy**

33% Meets
39% Partially Meets
28% Does Not Meet

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

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**Initial Charter Review Committee Ratings for:
Sarasota Academy of the Arts**

39% Meets
56% Partially Meets
5% Does Not Meet

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

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**Initial Charter Review Committee Ratings for:
Visible Men Academy**

39% Meets
50% Partially Meets
11% Does Not Meet

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