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August 5, 2014

Mr. Matthew Rosenbaum, Chairman
Broward Charter School of Science and Technology, Inc.
4350 Oakes Road, Suite 516
Davie, Florida 33314

SUBJECT: SPONSOR'S INTENT TO TERMINATE THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BROWARD CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INC., (BROWARD CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - 5055)

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

On March 20, 2012, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and Broward Charter School of Science and Technology, Inc., (Broward Charter School of Science and Technology - 5055), entered in to a Charter School Agreement that became effective July 1, 2012, and covers a term of five-years commencing on July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2017. On July 11, 2014, The Florida Department of Education released school letter grades for the 2013-2014 school year. For the second consecutive year, the Broward Charter School of Science and Technology – 5055, has received a state designated grade of “F”.

Section 1002.33(9)(n)(4), Florida Statutes, provides as follows:

The sponsor shall terminate a charter if charter school earns two consecutive school grades of “F” unless:

- a) The charter school is established to turn around the performance of a district school pursuant to Section 1008.33(4)(b)(3), Florida Statutes. Such charter schools shall be governed by Section 1008.33;
- b) The charter school serves a student population the majority of which resides in a school zone served by a district public school that earned a grade of “F” in the year before the charter school opened and the charter school earns at least a grade of “D” in its third year of operation. The exception provided under this sub-subparagraph does not apply to a charter school in its fourth year of operation and thereafter; or
- c) The state board grants the charter school a waiver of termination. The charter school must request the waiver within 15 days after the department’s official release of school grades. The state board may waive termination if the charter school demonstrates that the learning gains of its students on statewide assessments are comparable to or better than the learning gains of similarly situated students enrolled in nearby district public schools. The waiver is valid for 1 year and may only be granted once. Charter schools that have been in operation for more than 5 years are not eligible for a waiver under this sub-subparagraph. [Emphasis added].

In addition, good cause exists for termination under Section 2.D.1.a of the Charter School Agreement which provides in pertinent part as follows:

Grounds for Good Cause: “Good Cause” for termination or non-renewal shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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- (2) receipt by the School of a state designated grade of “F” in any Two (2) of Four (4) years or the school is designated as “a school in need of improvement” for more than Two (2) years...

As set forth herein, good cause exists under Section 1002.33(9)(n)(4), Florida Statutes, and Section 2.D.1.a of the Charter School Agreement for The School Board of Broward County, Florida to terminate its Charter School Agreement with Broward Charter School of Science and Technology, Inc., (Broward Charter School of Science and Technology – 5055). On August 5, 2014, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, authorized the Superintendent to provide this notice to your governing board of the Sponsor’s intention to terminate the parties’ Charter School Agreement due to such grounds. Section 1002.33(8)(b), Florida Statutes, provides that your governing board may, within fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving this notice, request a hearing.

District staff will be contacting you to arrange for a charter school closure meeting. The processes, procedures and time lines for closure will be outlined at that meeting. If you have any questions regarding this notice or charter school closing procedures, contact **Jody Perry, Director, Charter Schools Management/Support Department, at 754-321-2135.**

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie

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Attachment

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