

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

School Improvement Plan for Charter Schools

The four charter schools indicated below were required by State Board Rule 6A-1.099827, Florida Administrative Code, to submit a School Improvement Plan (SIP) as they received a grade of “D” or “F” for the 2013 – 2014 School Year. District staff has reviewed the SIP submitted by these charter schools and has determined that they satisfy all requirements specified in State Board Rule 6A-1.099827, Florida Administrative Code.

School: Somerset Academy Hollywood #5387
Implementation Year: 2013-2014
Grade Levels: K-5
School Grade: F
Benchmark Enrollment: 56
District: 1
Residence of Governing Board Members: Miami-Dade County, Florida and Texas

School: Henry McNeal Turner Academy #5418
Implementation Year: 2009-2010
Grades Approved to Serve: K-5
Benchmark Enrollment: 82
School Grade: D
District: 1
Residence of Governing Board Members: Broward County, Florida

School: Somerset Academy Pompano #5388
Implementation Year: 2013-2014
Grades Approved to Serve: K-5
Benchmark Enrollment: 165
School Grade: F
District: 7
Residence of Governing Board Members: Miami-Dade County, Florida and Texas

School: Somerset Preparatory Academy at North Lauderdale #5003
Implementation Year: 2010-2011
Grades Approved to Serve: K-8
Benchmark Enrollment: 709
School Grade: D
District: 5
Residence of Governing Board Members: Miami-Dade County, Florida and Texas

As outlined in State Board Rule 6A-1.099827, Florida Administrative Code, charter schools that receive a school grade of “D” or “F” are required to develop and implement a School Improvement Plan (SIP). These four charter schools received a grade of “D” or “F” for the 2013-2014 school year. SIP support has been provided to the schools through email and phone since August 2014 and will continue through the conclusion of the SIP process, including supplying the schools with the necessary documents needed to complete this process. SB Rule 6A-1.099827, specifies:

A charter school that receives a school grade of “D” or “F” pursuant to Section 1008.34(2), F.S., must develop and submit a school improvement plan to its sponsor.

Upon receipt of notification pursuant to subsection (2) of this rule, the director and a representative of the governing board shall appear before the sponsor at the publicly noticed meeting.

The director and governing board representative shall present to the sponsor a school improvement plan that includes, at a minimum, the components identified in subsection (4) of this rule.

A sponsor shall approve or deny a school improvement plan submitted pursuant to subsection (4) of this rule. The sponsor shall notify the

charter school in writing within ten (10) calendar days of its decision to approve or deny the school improvement plan.

Section 1008.33(3)(c), Florida Statutes, also requires that the State Board of Education adopt rules to implement s. 1002.33(9)(n), F.S., relating to corrective actions and school improvement plans for charter schools. This rule outlines the process and procedures charter schools and sponsors must follow when a charter school is required to develop and implement a school improvement plan or corrective action. In addition, the rule outlines the process for charter schools that have received two consecutive grades of “F” to request a waiver of termination from the State Board of Education, pursuant to s. 1002.33(9)(n), F.S.

The district’s Charter SIP Review Committee, (comprised of representation by the following departments: Student Assessment and Research, Exceptional Student Education and Support Services, English for Speakers of Other Languages/ESOL, Service Quality, Instruction and Interventions, and Charter Schools Management/Support) conducted SIP review meetings on October 14 and 15, 2014, to discuss the initial drafts of the schools’ SIPs. The charter schools were represented by appropriate administration and governing board members at these review meetings. The charter school teams received individual recommendations to strengthen each charter school’s SIP. The district’s Charter SIP Review Committee has reviewed the revised documents submitted subsequent to the SIP review meetings.

The attached SIPs satisfy all requirements specified in State Board Rule 6A-1.099827, Florida Administrative Code. As such, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that The School Board of Broward County, Florida approve the SIPs submitted by these four charter schools.