

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward

5392

Grades	K-8
Benchmark Day Enrollment Count	415
Current Enrollment	411
Target Population	Neighborhoods surrounding the school
Curriculum Focus	Traditional
School Grade 2014-2015	C
School Grade 2013-2014	B
School Grade 2012-2013	C

Ben Gamla Charter School Hallandale

5025

Grades	6-7
Benchmark Day Enrollment Count	37
Current Enrollment	37
Target Population	Neighborhoods surrounding the school
Curriculum Focus	Traditional
School Grade 2014-2015	F
School Grade 2013-2014	C
School Grade 2012-2013	No Grade

Section 1002.33(7)(a)19c Florida Statutes, provides as follows:

(c) A charter may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor or the charter school’s governing board and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

Modification may include, but is not limited to, consolidation of multiple charters into a single charter if the charters are operated under the same governing board and physically located on the same campus, regardless of the renewal cycle. [Emphasis added]

The Sponsor has conducted annual reviews of the charter schools’ academic progress, operational performance and financial viability and while both charter schools are operating within the scope of the charter agreements, Ben Gamla Charter School Hallandale – 5025, received a grade of F. Pursuant to 1002.33(n)1, Florida Statutes, a single F designation does not constitute grounds for termination. Additionally, the hold harmless nature of the 2014-2015 designated grades would not allow for such action. A grade of F does not impact the charter school’s ability to consolidate under current state law.

Ben Gamla Charter School Hallandale – 5025, desires to consolidate with Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward – 5392, thereby concluding its Charter School Agreement (known as 5025), as of June 30, 2016.

Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward - 5392, desires to amend its Charter School Agreement to allow it to serve students previously enrolled in Ben Gamla Charter School Hallandale – 5025, as well as students assigned to Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward – 5392, thereby effecting a charter school consolidation as prescribed by state statute.

The original agreement with Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward – 5392, was approved at the June 6, 2009, Regular School Board Meeting, Item F-20. The term of the agreement was July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014. The charter agreement was renewed at the June 24, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting, Item L-6. The term of the agreement was July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019.

The original agreement with Ben Gamla Charter School Hallandale – 5025, was approved at the July 22, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting, Item F-4.

This statutorily permissible consolidation does not impact current charter student placement but limits the contract capacity of the remaining charter school 5392, to a total of 900.

Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward – 5392, is located within District 5.

The governing board members of the National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation reside in Broward County, Florida and Baltimore, Maryland.