

Executive Summary

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved charter school applications enabling select charter applicants to open a charter school in 2016-2017. Pursuant to School Board Policy 1163, the approved charter applicant must enter into a charter agreement and open its charter school no later than the beginning of the school district's second year following the approval of its charter school application.

School Board Policy 1163 provides that, at the written request of the approved applicant, and for good cause shown, the school district may allow the approved applicant to defer the opening of its charter school for a period not to exceed the second year following the approval of its charter application. The decision whether to approve the delayed opening of the charter school shall be within the sole discretion of The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

The following approved charter applicants have requested deferrals for good cause cited; unable to secure suitable facility:

1. BridgePrep Academy, Inc. (BridgePrep Academy Broward County)
2. Somerset Academy, Inc. (Somerset Beach Academy Charter School)
3. Somerset Academy, Inc. (Somerset Parks Academy Charter School)
4. Somerset Academy, Inc. (Somerset Key Academy Charter School)

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that a deferral be granted to the approved charter applicants for the good cause shown above. If the deferral is granted, the charter school must open in time for the 2017-2018 school year. In the event that the opening of the approved applicant's charter school is deferred, the approved applicant shall update its charter school application and charter school agreement prior to the opening of the charter school with regard to the following matters: 1) updated budget 2) applicable modifications resulting from this delay.