

Executive Summary

Renewal of Charter School Agreement Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward County, Inc. Imagine Charter School at North Lauderdale Elementary – 5171

School Name	Imagine Charter School at North Lauderdale Elementary – 5171
Implementation Year	2001-2002
Termination Date of Current Charter Agreement	June 30, 2018
Address	1395 S State Road 7 North Lauderdale, Florida 33068
Grades Approved to Serve	K-5
Grades Currently Serving	K-5
Current Enrollment	623
Target population	Neighborhoods surrounding the school
Curriculum Focus	Traditional
School Grade 2016 – 2017	B
School Grade 2015 – 2016	C
School Grade 2014 – 2015	C
School Grade 2013 – 2014	B

On June 19, 2001, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved a Charter School Agreement authorizing Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward, Inc., to open Imagine Elementary at North Lauderdale – 5171. The original contract was effective for a ten-year period, which concluded on June 30, 2011. During the last year of the contract, pursuant to Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the charter school received program reviews as required for charter contract renewal. The first program review, conducted in school year 2008-2009, demonstrated academic and programmatic deficiencies. This resulted in the school receiving a one-year charter contract, effective from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010. The District provided Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward, Inc., (Imagine Elementary at North Lauderdale – 5171), with support and recommendations for improvement.

Subsequently, a second program review was conducted at the end of the initial one-year contract, which demonstrated continued academic and programmatic deficiencies. Consequently, Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward, Inc., (Imagine Elementary at North Lauderdale – 5171), was granted another one-year contract, which ended on June 30, 2012. That one-year contract clearly outlined remedial measures for curing such deficiencies by June 30, 2012. Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward, Inc., (Imagine at North Lauderdale – 5171), agreed to put in place District recommended remedial measures. Despite continued District support and assistance to remedy the identified deficiencies, the charter school continued to exhibit serious academic deficiencies.

As part of its renewal process for charter schools, the District conducted a review of the school's data and of the charter renewal application submitted by Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward, Inc., (Imagine Charter School at North Lauderdale Elementary - 5171), as required by Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The Superintendent recommended to The School Board of Broward County, Florida, at its Regular School Board Meeting of March 20, 2012, that the charter contract with Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward, Inc., (Imagine Charter School at North Lauderdale Elementary - 5171), be renewed for one year with an automatic termination clause.

As an alternative to a non-renewal recommendation, the Charter School Agreement was renewed for one year, but included an automatic termination clause that would allow 2012 FCAT results to determine whether the charter school re-opened for the 2012-2013, school year. By agreeing to the renewal with an automatic termination clause, the Charter School Agreement was renewed for one year, but stipulated that the charter

would immediately terminate should the charter school's point allocation from the State's assessment program (FCAT), Section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, released the summer of 2012, equate to less than a "C" grade. Should FCAT points and school grade indicate an improvement to a "C" or better grade, the charter school would operate under the one-year Charter School Agreement that would expire on July 30, 2013. Imagine Elementary at North Lauderdale – 5171, corrected the noted deficiencies and implemented the remedial measures outlined in the Charter School Agreement. Imagine Elementary at North Lauderdale – 5171, received a letter grade of a "C" (450 points), therefore the school remained open for the 2012-2013, school year. On June 11, 2013 The Superintendent's Charter School Review Committee reviewed and analyzed the renewal charter application from Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward, Inc., and recommended a five-year renewal of the Charter School Agreement which concluded on June 30, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 1002.33(8)(b), Florida Statutes, a school's Charter School Agreement may be renewed subject to a program review, provided none of the statutory grounds for non-renewal has been documented.

The Superintendent's Charter School Review Committee has reviewed and analyzed all components of the charter renewal program review submitted by Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward County, Inc., (Imagine Charter School at North Lauderdale Elementary – 5171), and has recommended a renewal of its Charter Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)(b)1, Florida Statutes, a charter may be renewed provided that a program review demonstrates that the criteria in paragraph (a) have been successfully accomplished and that none of the grounds for nonrenewal established by paragraph (8)(a) has been documented. The Superintendent's Charter School Review Committee has thoroughly reviewed all components of the charter renewal program review and determined that it meets the renewal criteria.

It is requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement for Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward County, Inc. (Imagine Charter School at North Lauderdale Elementary – 5171), for a five-year period starting on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2023.

Imagine Charter School at North Lauderdale Elementary – 5171, is located at 1395 South State Road 7, North Lauderdale, Florida 33068, located in District 4.

The governing board members of Learning Excellence Foundation of East Broward County, Inc., reside in Broward County, Florida.