

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Meeting Date 11/7/12		Agenda Item Number E-12	
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TITLE: Charter Application Approval – New Life Charter Academies, Inc., (New Life Charter Academy)			
REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the application for New Life Charter Academies, Inc., (New Life Charter Academies), to open a charter school serving grades K-5 for the 2013-2014 school year, and authorize the Superintendent to issue a notice of approval. Subsequent School Board approval shall be required prior to the signing of a written charter school agreement establishing the operation of the charter school.			
SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND: Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, authorizes the establishment of charter schools in Florida. An application for a new charter school may be submitted by an individual, teachers, parents, a group of individuals, a municipality, or a legal entity organized under the laws of this state. New Life Charter Academies, Inc., submitted a formal application to start a public charter school for the 2013-2014 school year. A district school board may sponsor a charter school in the county over which the board has jurisdiction. The district school board shall receive and review all applications for a charter school. The Superintendent of Schools appointed a Charter School Review Committee to review and analyze the application from New Life Charter Academies, Inc. The committee is comprised of representatives from Instruction and Intervention, Budget, Facilities, District Administration, Transportation, Exceptional Student Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and other areas of the organization. Utilizing the Model Florida Charter School application format, the committee reviewed the application in detail. Based on our review, the application is recommended for approval. The mission and academic design of the application meets the minimum requirements of state law and state standards. The school shall open as a public charter school serving a total of 550 students, grades K-5 . The maximum enrollment capacity of the school will be 600 students. The final updated budget and insurance documents will be required prior to approval of the charter school agreement. The charter agreement shall address any issues identified by District staff, which require revision or further explanation. The charter school has adopted the same 180-day student calendar in place for the Broward County Public School System. A copy of this application is available at the Charter Schools Support office on the 12 th floor of the K.C.W. building. A copy of all supporting documents is available online via the Broward County Public Schools eAgenda at: http://eagenda3.broward.k12.fl.us/cgi-bin/WebObjects/eAgenda This item has been approved as to form and legal content by the Office of the General Counsel.			
SCHOOL BOARD GOALS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •Goal One: Raise achievement of all students to ensure graduation from high school and readiness for post-secondary education. <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Two: Improve the health and wellness of students and personnel. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •Goal Three: Provide a safe and secure physical and technological environment for all students and employees. <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Four: Promote innovation, which focuses on best practices and quality efforts that improve our best-in-class position. <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Five: Recruit, develop, retain, and recognize high performing and diverse faculty and personnel. <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Six: Build strong partnerships with family, business, community and government at the classroom, school, area, and district level. <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Seven: Ensure district's leadership as an environmental steward through innovative ecology and energy conservation programs.			
FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact to the District.			
EXHIBITS: (List) 1. Executive Summary 2. New Life Charter Academies, Inc., (New Life Charter Academy), application 3. Draft letter of approval			
BOARD ACTION: APPROVED		SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Jody Perry 754-321-2135	
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