

Executive Summary

The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc. Charter School of Excellence – Tamarac 2 (5291)

Five-Year Renewal of Charter Agreement with a Specific Remedial Action Clause

School Name	Charter School of Excellence – Tamarac 2 (5291)
Implementation Year	2008-2009
Termination Date of Current Charter Agreement	June 30, 2014
Address	7595 N.W. 61 st Street Tamarac, FL 33321
Grades	K-5
Benchmark Enrollment	262
Target population	Neighborhoods surrounding the school
Curriculum Focus	Traditional
School Grade 2012-2013	D (395 points) AMO – No/Reading, Yes/Math
School Grade 2011-2012	C (484 points) AMO – Yes– Reading/Math
School Grade 2010-2011	C (449 points) AYP – No
School Grade 2009-2010	C (454 points) AYP – No

On May 5, 2009, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved a Charter School Agreement authorizing The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., to open Charter School of Excellence – Tamarac 2 (5291). The original contract was effective for a five-year period, to conclude on June 30, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., (Charter School of Excellence – Tamarac 2 – 5291), has received program review as required for charter contract renewal. This program review, conducted in school year 2013-2014, identified academic and programmatic deficiencies. Section 1002.33(7)(b)(1), Florida Statutes, states that, “a charter school may be renewed provided that a program review demonstrates that student achievement levels and prior rates of academic progress have been accomplished and that none of the grounds for non-renewal has been documented.” The documented findings have been noticed in this executive summary and are the basis for a specific remedial action clause. It is recommended that the findings be given ninety (90) days to cure.

Pursuant to Section 1002.33(8)(a), Florida Statutes, The sponsor shall make student academic achievement for all students the most important factor when determining whether to renew or terminate the charter. The sponsor may also choose to not renew or may terminate the charter for any of the following grounds:

1. Failure to participate in the state’s education accountability system created in Section 1008.31, Florida Statutes or failure to meet the requirements for student performance stated in the charter.
2. Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management.
3. Violation of law.
4. Other good cause shown.

Section 1002.33(9)(n)1, Florida Statutes, states that “The director and a representative of the governing board of a charter school that has earned a grade of “D” or “F” pursuant to s. 1008.34(2), shall appear before the sponsor to present information concerning each contract component having noted deficiencies. The director and a representative of the governing board shall submit to the sponsor for approval a school improvement plan to raise student achievement. Upon approval by the sponsor the charter school shall begin implementation of the school improvement plan...”

As part of its renewal process for charter schools, the Superintendent’s Charter School Review Committee has conducted a review of the school’s data and of the charter renewal program review submitted by The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., (Charter School of Excellence – Tamarac 2 - 5291), as required by Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. Upon reviewing the renewal program review, the Superintendent’s Charter School Review Committee concluded that, although there were deficiencies in the area of Educational Performance, they were not sufficient to deny any renewal of the contract as such the committee recommended a renewal with a specific remedial action clause of the charter school agreement to be met within the first year.

DEFICIENCIES FOUND IN THE CHARTER RENEWAL PROGRAM REVIEW

The following is the specific section of the renewal program review that did not meet or partially met the renewal criteria, thus contributing to the recommendation of a five-year renewal with a specific remedial action clause of the Charter School Agreement to be met within the first year.

EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE

The Superintendent’s Charter School Review Committee has reviewed the Charter Renewal Program Review submitted by The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., (Charter School of Excellence – Tamarac 2 – 5291), and has determined that it has the following deficiencies in the section of Educational Performance.

Deficiency 1 – Federal Accountability - Assessment

Findings:

- Failure to meet AYP for 2010 and 2011 and AMO in both areas for 2013.

Deficiency 2 – State Accountability - Assessment

Findings:

- Failure to meet the state requirements for student performance.
- The Charter School has a lower percentage of students meeting high standards in reading, math, writing and science than that of the District.

	CSE Tamarac 2 – 5291	District
Reading	43	58
Math	47	61
Writing	65	66
Science	12	55

- The Charter School has a lower percentage of students making learning gains in reading and math than that of the District.

	CSE Tamarac 2 – 5291	District
Reading	49	65
Math	54	65

- The number of school grade points earned has decreased from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011, from 2011-2012 to 2012-2013.

School Year	CSE Tamarac 2 – 5291
2012-2013	395
2011-2012	484
2010-2011	449
2009-2010	454

Remedial Measures:

- The charter school shall comply with all State and District accountability initiatives as they relate to charter schools.
- The charter school must receive a grade or point allocation that would equate to a “C” grade or higher for the term of the contract.

Deficiency 3 – Educational Performance - ESOL**Findings:**

- Failure to follow procedures for placing English Language Learners (ELLs) in the ESOL Program as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.0902, Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to complete REEVALs in a timely manner as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.0902, Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to follow procedures for convening ELL Committee Meetings and failed to convene ELL Meetings for retaining ELLs as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.0902, Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to implement alternative assessments or provide evidence of adapting assessments based on language proficiency as required by State Board Rule 6A-1.09432, Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to monitor LF students as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.0903, Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to provide home language support as required by the META Consent Decree as stated in State Board Rule 6A-6.0904, Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to implement ESOL strategies documented in lesson plan books as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.0904, Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to provide the registration packet/Home Language Survey in multiple languages as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.0908, Florida Administrative Code.

Remedial Measures:

- The charter school shall follow the state-approved District ELL Plan and procedures to ensure the needs of ELLs are being met as per Section 1003.56, Florida Statutes, English Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient Students and State Board Rules 6A-6.0900 to 6A-6.0909.

It is therefore requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement for The Charter Schools of Excellence, Inc., (Charter School of Excellence – Tamarac 2– 5291), for a five-year period, starting on July 1, 2014, and ending on June 30, 2019. This five-year renewal term with specific remedial action clause will afford the charter school an opportunity to continue its operations while demonstrating its ability to remediate deficiencies within the first year as required by Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes.

If the renewed charter school fails to implement the remedial measures listed in the renewal of the Charter School Agreement and as stated above, in the timeframe indicated, such non-compliance will be considered grounds for automatic termination of the renewed Charter School Agreement.

Charter School of Excellence Tamarac 2 Campus – 5201, is located in District 4.