

Executive Summary

Mount Hermon Educational Corporation of South Florida, Inc. Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy – 5418

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

School Name	Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy 5418	
Implementation Year	2008-2009	
Termination Date of Current Charter Agreement	June 30, 2014	
Address	2201 S.W. 42 nd Avenue West Park, Florida 33023	
Grades	K-5	
Benchmark Enrollment	106	
Target population	Neighborhoods surrounding the school	
Curriculum Focus	Traditional	
School Grade 2012-2013	F (369 points)	AMO – Yes
School Grade 2011-2012	C (490 points)	AMO – Yes
School Grade 2010-2011	N/A	AYP – No
School Grade 2009-2010	N/A	AYP – N/A

On May 5, 2009, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved a Charter School Agreement authorizing Mount Hermon Educational Corporation of South Florida, Inc., to open Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy – 5418. The original contract was effective for a five-year period, to conclude on June 30, 2014.

The Mount Hermon Educational Corporation of South Florida, Inc., on behalf of Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy – 5418, was approved a 1st amendment of its Charter School Agreement to change the location of the charter school for the 2010-2011, school year and subsequent years.

Pursuant to Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, Mount Hermon Educational Corporation of South Florida, Inc., (Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy – 5418), has received a 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 Section 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 Mount Hermon Educational Corporation of South Florida, Inc., on behalf of Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy – 5418, 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 and Organizational Performance, they were not sufficient to deny any renewal of the contract and 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 Mount Hermon Educational Corporation of South Florida, Inc., on behalf of Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy – 5418, 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.

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.

	Henry McNeal Turner	District
Reading	36	58
Math	28	61
Writing	65	66
Science	50	55

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

	Henry McNeal Turner	District
Reading	61	65
Math	34	65

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

School Year	Henry McNeal Turner
2012-2013	369
2011-2012	490
2010-2011	N/A

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 “D” grade or higher for the 2013-2014 school year. For the remaining four (4) years of the Charter Agreement, the school shall achieve and maintain a grade or point allocation that would equate to a “C” grade or higher.

Deficiency 3 – Educational Performance – ESE

Findings:

- Failure to document Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services required on the Individual Education Plan (IEP) for students in the ESE program as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(4), Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to generate and provide to parents the Parent Participation Form in a timely fashion as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(a)(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to generate and provide to parents the Parent Notification Letter in a timely fashion as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to have the proper membership documented for IEP meetings as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(c), Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to provide current data in the present level of performance statement section of the IEP as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(h)(1), Florida Administrative Code.
- Failure to provide for Gifted Education programs and services in accordance with federal and state policies as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.030191, Florida Administrative Code.

Remedial Measures:

- The charter school shall incorporate procedures that will ensure compliance with IEPs for students in the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(4), Florida Administrative Code.
- The charter school shall provide the opportunity for one or both of a student’s parents to participate in meetings and decisions concerning the IEP for the student and provide the parents with adequate information necessary to complete the Parent Participation Form as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(a)(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code.
- The charter school shall provide parents with adequate information necessary to complete the Parent Notification Letter as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code.
- The charter school shall ensure that the proper membership be invited to the IEP meetings as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(c), Florida Administrative Code.

- The charter school shall ensure that each IEP for each student with a disability must include a statement of present levels of academic achievement and functional performance as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(h)(1), Florida Administrative Code.
- The charter school shall provide special instructional programs and services for students identified as gifted in accordance with federal and state policies as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.030191, Florida Administrative Code.

ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Deficiency 4 – Governance

Findings:

- Failure to ensure that the school's parent liaison contact information is posted on the school's website as specified in Section 1002.33(7)(d)(1), Florida Statutes.
- Failure to maintain a school website that enables the public to obtain information regarding the school as specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

Remedial Measures:

- The charter school shall ensure that the school's parent liaison contact information is posted on its school website as specified in Section 1002.33(7)(d)(1), Florida Statutes.
- The charter school shall update the school's website by August 1, 2014 with specific information regarding the school as identified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes, and update the information as appropriate.

It is therefore requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approve the renewal of the Mount Hermon Educational Corporation of South Florida, Inc., on behalf of Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy – 5418, for a five-year period, starting on July 1, 2014, and ending on June 30, 2019. This five-year renewal term with a 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.

Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy - 5418, is located in District 1.

The governing board members of Mount Hermon Educational Corporation of South Florida, Inc., reside in Broward County, Florida.