

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

School Improvement Plan for Charter Schools RISE Academy School of Science and Technology (5420)

RISE Academy School of Science and Technology was required by State Board Rule 6A-1.099827, Florida Administrative Code, to submit a School Improvement Plan (SIP) as it received a grade of “F” for the 2012 – 2013 School Year. District staff has reviewed the SIP submitted by the charter school and has determined that it satisfies all requirements specified in State Board Rule 6A-1.099827, Florida Administrative Code. As such, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that The School Board approve the SIP submitted by the charter school.

Section 1008.33(3)(c), Florida Statutes, requires that the State Board of Education adopt rules to implement s.1002.33(9)(n), F.S., relating to corrective actions and school improvement plans for charter schools. This rule outlines the process and procedures charter schools and sponsors must follow when a charter school is required to develop and implement a school improvement plan or corrective action. In addition, the rule outlines the process for charter schools that have received two consecutive grades of “F” to request a waiver of termination from the State Board of Education, pursuant to s.1002.33(9)(n), F.S.

As outlined in State Board Rule 6A-1.099827, Florida Administrative Code (see Exhibit), charter schools that receive a school grade of “D” or “F” are required to develop and implement a School Improvement Plan (SIP). **RISE Academy School of Science and Technology** received a grade of “F” for the 2012-2013 school year. SIP support has been provided to the school through email and phone support since August 2013 and will continue through the conclusion of the SIP process, including supplying the school with the necessary documents needed to complete this process. The district’s Charter SIP Review Committee, comprised of representation by the following departments: Student Assessment and Research, Exceptional Student Education and Support Services, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Strategic Achievement, and Charter Schools Management/Support, conducted a SIP Review Meeting on December 18, 2013 to discuss the initial draft of the school’s SIP with recommendations given for any necessary revisions. The school principal, the executive director, the ESOL coordinator, the ESE specialist/guidance counselor, and the literacy coach represented the school at the meeting. The school was encouraged to re-submit its SIP to the Charter SIP Review Committee by January 13, 2014. The school was notified of the review team’s recommendation on January 21, 2014, and given the opportunity to refine their final SIP, which was due on January 31, 2014. The final submission will appear before the School Board of Broward County.

As specified in SB Rule 6A-1.099827 (see Exhibit), the director and a representative of the school’s governing board *shall submit to the Sponsor for approval, their School Improvement Plan to raise student achievement, and the director and a representative of the governing board must appear before the Sponsor at a public meeting to present the plan.*

RISE Academy School of Science and Technology (5420)

Date of inception: May 8, 2008

Date of renewal: June 11, 2013 (one year charter)

Grade Levels: K-8

School Grade: F

Enrollment: 270 students as of the 2013-14 Benchmark Day Enrollment count

School District: 4

Charter School Governing Board Members’ Residence: Broward and Palm Beach Counties

The Sponsor shall approve or deny the SIP and shall notify the charter school in writing within 10 calendar days of its decision to approve or deny the SIP. If approved, the Sponsor shall comply with SB Rule 6A-1.099827 (see Exhibit), which identifies the monitoring process for the approved school improvement plan. If the submitted SIP does not comply with all guidelines as outlined in the rule, the Sponsor shall deny it and must provide, in writing, specific reasons for denial and timeline for resubmission.