

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Renewal Recommendations for Charter Schools with Charter Expiring June 2009

Type of Executive Summary:

- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
- General Statute #115C-238-29D(d)
- SBE Policy #EEO-U-007
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other _____

Presenter(s): Mr. Philip Price (Associate State Superintendent, Financial and Business Services) and Mr. Jack Moyer (Director, Office of Charter Schools)

Description:

Based on GS115C-238.29D(d) and SBE Policy EEO-U-007, the following school is requesting renewal of their charter:

Torchlight Academy

The performance and compliance of Torchlight Academy is outlined per the criteria of the renewal rubric. The process and timeline followed by the Office of Charter School is included in the materials.

Resources:

N/A

Input Process:

Office of Charter Schools, The Leadership for Innovation Committee, and DPI

Stakeholders:

Charter Schools, parents, students, and staff

Timeline For Action:

This item is presented for Discussion in January and February 2009 and for Action during the March 2009 SBE meeting.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the SBE accept the recommendation of the Leadership for Innovation Committee.

Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

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Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____
Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Postponed _____ Revised _____

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Data for Charter School Seeking Renewal in 2009

Blank Cells denote areas for full compliance
 *Denotes Data Not Available

| School Name | ABCs Accountability | | | | Low Performance | Expected Growth Met | AYP Targets Met | Title I Sanction Level (08/09) | Financial Non-compliance Including SIMS and NC WISE Reporting | Governance Noncompliance | EC Non-compliance | Enrollment | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---|---------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----|
| | Performance | | | | | | | | | | | First Month ADM | |
| | Year | Composite | Reading | Math | | | | | | | | | |
| Torchlight 92L (Wake Co.) | Grades | (3-8) | (3-8) | (3-8) | L. P. | | | Sanction Level 5 | | 07-08 HQ 36% | | 08/09 | 378 |
| | 07 - 08 | 37.4 | 26.9 | 43.3 | | Yes | 07 - 08 7-9 | | | | | 07/08 | 322 |
| | 06 - 07 | 47.0 | 60.3 | 31.1 | | Yes | 06 - 07 7-9 | | | | | 06/07 | 296 |
| | 05 - 06 | 38.0 | 61.7 | 16.0 | | No | 05 - 06 7-9 | | | | | 05/06 | 213 |
| | 04 - 05 | 58.8 | 58.8 | 57.4 | | No | 04 - 05 5-9 | | | | | 04/05 | 143 |
| | 03 - 04 | 63.3 | 63.3 | 69.4 | | No | 03 - 04 Met | | | | | | |
| OCS Recommendation | | <p>OCS recommends no action-charter will expire 6/30/09. Academic Performance Composite below 50% for 3 of the last five years, Title I Sanction Level 5 in 2008-09, AYP not met 4 of the last 5 years. 07-08 & 08-09 testing procedure non-compliance. 07-08 & 08-09 Health Department Food Service Violations. 06-07 School Lunch Program non-compliance.</p> <p>*We cannot recommend renewal. They have had many audit findings over the past years that are listed below. We have not had the opportunity to review the FY 2007-08 audit (due in October). The LGC received the audit December 10, 2008.DPI received the audit February 3, 2009.</p> <p>**Monitoring and Compliance findings: (1) Failure to have fiscally sound budget and finances. {G.S. 115C-238.29F(f)} torchlight had expenditures over revenues in the General Fund of \$72,447 in FY 2005-06 and \$90,009 in FY 2006-07. They also had a combined deficit in Child Nutrition and their General Fund of \$30,448 for FY 2006-07. (2) The auditors reported Questioned Cost of \$111,137 for either not having contracts or not having proper contracts. (3) Fuel disbursements were not properly supported Questioned Cost \$13,298. (4) The school did not meet the number of certified teachers. (5) Related members of the family have been employed without proper disclosure. (6) Failure to comply with Federal procurement Regulations governing free and open competition of foods/service sin the Child Nutrition Program. {7 CFR 3016.36} (7) Child Nutrition Agreement is not approved by the Child Nutrition Section for FY 2007-08.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |