

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Title:** Transfer of the Orange Charter School Charter

**Type of Executive Summary:**

- Consent
- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

**Policy Implications:**

- Constitution \_\_\_\_\_
- General Statute #115C-238.29D(d)
- SBE Policy # \_\_\_\_\_
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # \_\_\_\_\_
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Zoe Locklear (Associate Superintendent, Leadership Development and Special Services) and Dr. Otho Tucker (Director, Office of Charter Schools)

**Description:**

The Financial Reform for Excellence in Education (FREE) nonprofit organization has opened six charter schools. One of the schools is Orange Charter School, which is located at 920 Corporate Drive, Hillsborough, in Orange County, NC. The school has a successful record with regard to student performance and an exemplary record as per its fiscal management. The FREE organization in cooperation with the school’s administration and parents has been able to save the necessary funds to construct a new facility.

With this academic achievement and sound fiscal management, the FREE organization feels that the school’s administration and proposed board of directors have the expertise and skills to operate the school as its own nonprofit entity. The new charter school board has been seated and the appropriate arrangements (bylaws, articles of incorporation, and nonprofit status) have been presented or are in the process of being acquired.

As stated in G.S.115C-238.29D(d), “A material revision of the provision of a charter application shall be made only upon the approval of the State Board of Education.” Transfer of the charter is considered as a material revision to the charter and as such requires the approval of the SBE.

The attachment outlines the history and performance of the school.

**Resources:**

N/A

**Input Process:**

The FREE Board of Directors, the Public Schools of Choice Board of Directors, the Charter School Advisory Committee, and the Department of Public Instruction

**Stakeholders:**

The FREE Board of Directors, the Public Schools of Choice Board of Directors, parents, and students

**Timeline For Action:**

Discussion was held on this item at the May SBE meeting and is brought back in June for action.

**Recommendations:**

The Charter School Advisory Committee and the Department recommend that the SBE approve the transfer of this Charter from FREE to the Public Schools of Choice.

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Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

Data Projector/Video (Videotape/DVD and/or Computer Data, Internet, Presentations-PowerPoint preferred)  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Audio Requirements (computer or other, except for PA system which is provided)  
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Document Camera (for transparencies or paper documents – white paper preferred)  
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Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Postponed \_\_\_\_\_ Revised \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Orange Charter School  
920 Corporate Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278**

**Dr. Charles “Chuck” Nolan, Principal**

**Charter Year: 1997                      Renewal Year: 2002**

**ABCs Accountability Report**

Charter Year	Performance Composite	Status
1997-98	78.4	AP – Adequate Performance
1998-99	78.6	Exemplary
1999-00	82	School of Distinction
2000-01	86.8	School of Distinction/No Recognition
2001-02	82.2	No Recognition

Current Membership Data:

**2002-2003 Membership Last Day:**

1st Month      182  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Month      180  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Month      180  
 4<sup>th</sup> Month      180

**Membership Data:**

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Final ADM</u>	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Month Membership Last Day</u>
1997-1998	146	143
1998-1999	136	140
1999-2000	162	158
2000-2001	167	165
2001-2002	168	172

**Financial:**

Audited financial records for the past three years reflect a well-managed school. Financially, this school appears to be very sound.