



March 2, 2007

Juanita Edwards  
Palm Beach County School District  
Charter School office  
3300 Forest Hill Blvd  
West Palm Beach, Fl 33406

Dear Ms. Edwards,

The governing board of Gulfstream Goodwill Academies met on March 2, 2007 and continued discussions concerning the future of the The Career Academy.

In Summary, The board and staff agreed that our expertise is serving transitioning students with disabilities. The Mid-year review of The Transition and LIFE Academy measured our successful results at these schools. We were able to provide a meaningful academic instruction and assistance for students transitioning to adult life. To date more than fifty percent of our students have obtained employment.

There is a need in Palm Beach County to serve transitioning ESE students in obtaining and maintaining employment, increasing academic skills and instill independent living skills. Our Governing Board has decided to focus our quality instruction in these areas at the L.I.F.E. and Transition Academies throughout Palm Beach County.

The Career Academy in Boca Raton, serving At Risk Students obtaining a regular high school diploma, will not continue after the end of this school year, June of 2007.

Our staff will immediately begin the following activities to assist our students with the transition to another school. We believe the following plan will make this a very easy transition for our students.

- A copy of this letter will be mailed to every student's home.
- Our staff will be contacting each student and their family to meet and review all community school options and answer any questions that they may have.
- Our staff will help students and their families with transferring to another school.
- Gulfstream Goodwill Industries Employment Services will assist students to obtain employment.

**Exhibit A**

The teachers at the Career Academy have assisted our students in achieving the highest possible scores on the FCAT. Our student attendance during the testing was over ninety-five percent. In addition to our teachers, tutors are working through out the school day to help students increase their reading and math ability until the summer break. Gulfstream Goodwill Academies is committed to provide the highest level of instruction for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and please feel free to contact our Director of Charter Schools, Cindy Maunder, should you need any further information. She may be reached at 561-259-1000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Fraser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "L".

Linda Fraser  
Governing Board

CC: Art Johnson Superintendent, Palm Beach County School District  
Steve Adams Choice Schools – Department of Education