REQUESTED CHANGES TO THE CHARTER BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY AND THE WESTERN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

The following are requested changes, approved by the Board of Directors of Western Academy Charter School, to be made to our Charter.

1. Section 12.0 – Criteria for Admission

Add language in this section to read: The Charter School will use student discipline records to verify that the applicant meets the Charter School's Student Code of Conduct and to determine if the school can meet the disciplinary and counseling needs of the student and thereby provide an appropriate level of services for the student in this area.

1. If it is determined by the Administrator that the student has disciplinary needs that cannot be met at the Charter School, the Administrator will advise the parents of possible appropriate placement options for the student.

Reason: To allow the school to determine if it can meet the disciplinary and counseling needs of the student and provide an appropriate level of services in this area prior to admission.

2. Section 14.0 – Student Transfers, Withdrawals and Dismissals

A. Change language in this section to allow the Charter School to withdraw a student involuntarily for failure to maintain eligibility standards or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Reason: To allow the Charter School to enforce its admission eligibility standards and its Student Code of Conduct and to bring the Charter School contract to the current allowable charter contract provisions in this area.

B. Change language in this section to allow the Charter School to refer students to a District-funded alternative education program utilizing the Sponsor's procedures.

Reason: To provide the Charter School with the ability to access the District-funded alternative education programs, as may be deemed necessary, for students requiring this type educational program. Also, to bring the Charter School contract to the allowable charter contract provisions in this area.

D. Add language to this section allowing the Charter School to involuntarily withdraw a student if the behavior of the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) is deemed by the school's Board of Directors to be disruptive to the functioning of the school, threatening in nature and/or pose a safety or security risk to the school's Administration, Faculty, Staff or Student Body Members.

Reason: To allow the Charter School to maintain a safe secure learning environment for its students and a safe secure work environment for its Administrators, Faculty and Staff at all times ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of all those attending or working at the Charter School.

The above requested changes have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of Western Academy Charter School present this 14th day of June, 2007.

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