



## **Sculptor Charter School Charter Amendment**

In reviewing our Admissions Process, Sculptor is requesting a change to its prior 10 year charter that serves as what the district refers to as “*the School’s renewal application*”:

Original portion of Admission Process: “the timeframe for accepting applications shall be March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> with the lottery on May 1<sup>st</sup>.”

**Amendment change requested: “the timeframe for accepting applications shall be February 1<sup>st</sup> – April 1st, with the window for the lottery to be between April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>.”**

### **Rationale:**

For years, applications have been requested for the next school year, from interested parents and guardians, in the January/February timeframe. Due to the terms of our current charter, interested families have had to wait until March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to obtain an application for the following school year. This has been inconvenient for many families; the School does not see a reason to delay the availability of its application.

An earlier lottery timeframe will also allow the school to follow through with our recently approved, renewed charter, as follows:

The new charter states that the School may give enrollment preference to student populations identified by 1002.33(10)(d), F.S. However, the charter further states that the School, except for the Middle School, “may not request prior to enrollment, through application or otherwise, information regarding a student’s academic history...a student’s Individual Education Plan or other information regarding a student’s special needs.”

The current charter also contains an additional requirement under School’s Responsibilities: (c) “upon receiving the application for enrollment of a student with a disability, the School will convene an IEP Committee meeting, with individuals knowledgeable about the student, to evaluate the student’s individual needs and determine whether the student can be provided a free, appropriate public education by the School.”

Since we cannot request information about students on the application prior to enrollment, we would then need to contact all students chosen in the lottery and request such information. In order to have time to convene all of the necessary IEP Committee meetings before the end of the school year, an earlier lottery window is essential.

A lottery window, such as the window the district has given its Schools of Choice, would allow the School some flexibility during the month of April when the School is gearing up for the state examinations.

Sculptor will notify and supply the Office of School Choice with all pertinent application, registration, and enrollment information. The School will post its lottery date, registration, and all pertinent information relating to applications and enrollment on its website.