

Executive Summary

Renewal of Charter School Contract

School Name	Emma Jewel Charter Academy – 6523
Implementation Year	2013-2014
Termination Date of Current Charter	June 30, 2017
Address	705 Blake Ave Cocoa, FL 32922
Grades	K-8
Curriculum Focus	Traditional
Majority Feeder Pattern	Cambridge, Endeavour, Golfview, Saturn Cocoa High, Jefferson, Kennedy, McNair

Pursuant to 1002.33(8)a, Florida Statutes, The sponsor shall make student achievement for all students the most important factor when determining whether to renew or terminate the charter. The sponsor may also choose not to renew or may terminate the charter for any of the following grounds:

1. Failure to participate in the state's educational accountability system created in s. 1008.31, as required in this section, or failure to meet the requirements for student performance stated in the charter.
2. Failure to meet generally acceptable standards of fiscal management.
3. Violation of law.
4. Other good cause shown.

On March 13, 2012, the School Board of Brevard County, Florida, approved a Charter School Contract authorizing Emma Jewel Charter School, Inc., to open a charter school named Emma Jewel Charter Academy. The original contract was effective for a five-year period, ending on June 30, 2017. In 2016, Emma Jewel Charter School, Inc. officially requested a renewal of its Charter, thus beginning the Charter School Contract Renewal Process.

As part of its renewal process for charter schools, the Division of Equity, Innovation and Choice conducted a review of Emma Jewel Charter Academy's data over the life of the contract. This examination included school grades, state assessment data, school specific goals as outlined in the School Improvement Plan, fiscal health, enrollment data, board structure and duties, contractual requirements, educational program's faithfulness to the school's approved application, mission and vision, fair and appropriate pupil enrollment processes, ESE obligations and ESOL requirements. A sampling of this review is attached. Final analysis of Emma Jewel Charter Academy's data reveals that although they struggle at times, especially financially, there are no major deficiencies that would deny a renewal.

It is therefore requested that the School Board of Brevard County, Florida, approve the renewal of the Charter Contract for Emma Jewel Charter Academy, thus allowing the Division of Equity Innovation and Choice to begin contract negotiations.