

RENEWAL OF CHARTERS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

Policy Reference: District Policies, “Charter Schools Sponsored by the District,” pp. 27-29.

Background Information: Charter schools sponsored by Board authorization are eligible for renewal for a ten-year charter term as prescribed by South Carolina law. Three charter schools have met or will meet the conclusion of its ten-year charter term and are eligible for renewal.

Purpose: Charter renewals for the Academy of Hope, Palmetto Academy for Learning Motorsports (PALM), and Palmetto Academy of Learning Success (PALS).

For additional information: South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 59-40-110 provides for the renewal of charters sponsored by the District for a for a period of ten school years. The District maintains evaluation information to include a report on the progress of the charter school in achieving the goals, objectives, pupil achievement standards, and other terms of the initially approved charter application; a financial statement that discloses the costs of administration, instruction, and other spending categories for the charter school that is understandable to the general public and that allows comparison of these costs to other schools or other comparable organizations, in a format required by the State Board of Education; and any proposed material changes to the current charter or charter school contract to be implemented in the next ten-year charter term.

Recommended Action: Authorize charter renewals for the Academy of Hope, Palmetto Academy for Learning Motorsports (PALM), and Palmetto Academy of Learning Success (PALS) for each of its ten-year charter terms as indicated by South Carolina law.

Estimated Project Cost:

Recurring ___ Non-recurring___

Funding Sources: