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May 25, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charter School Administrators

FROM: John L. Winn, Commissioner

SUBJECT: Charter School Administrator Survey

In response to a discussion at the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting on May 17, 2005, the Department of Education is surveying charter school administrators to determine if they have had issues with their school district sponsors that they contend involve significant violations of State Board of Education rules or state or federal statutes. The Department will use survey results in developing recommendations to help district sponsors ensure that charter schools operate with both the autonomy and accountability provided by Florida's charter school law.

In order for the Department to present to the State Board at the June 21 meeting, I am requesting charter school administrators complete the attached survey to report experiences or problems they have had with their sponsors which involve significant violations of state or federal requirements regarding charter schools. Each situation or problem must be clearly described and supported with factual information and details rather than anecdotal or hearsay comments.

Completion of the survey is required even if you have no significant problems to report. Submit your completed survey to the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice (IEPC) no later than the close of business on June 6, 2005, by either mailing or faxing to:

Charter School Administrator Survey
Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 522
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400
Fax: (850) 245-0868

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Dr. Paulette Mainwood, Policy Director with the IEPC office, at paulette.mainwood@fldoe.org or 850-245-0502.

JLW/pm

Attachment

cc: District School Superintendents
District Charter School Contacts



SURVEY OF CHARTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

The purpose of this survey is to identify experiences or problems that charter schools are having with their school district sponsors that do not comply with state or federal law, rules, or sponsor requirements. Completion of the survey is required even if an administrator does not have significant problems or issues to report.

CHARTER SCHOOL: _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

1. Have you had experiences or problems with your school district sponsor that are significant violations of state or federal law, rule, or sponsor requirements?

_____ YES If YES, respond to item 2.

_____ NO If No, please sign, date, and return this form as directed below.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

2. Describe the incidents or problems you have experienced with your school district sponsor that are significant violations of state or federal law, rule, or sponsor requirements. Your description must clearly state the issue, dates, and individuals you dealt with at the district level. Attach other sheets to this form as necessary.

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