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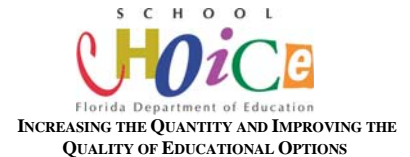
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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Steve Adams, Director
Charter, Virtual and Home Education

SUBJECT: Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program
2006-2009 Planning, Program Design, and Implementation Projects

Charter schools have a key role in helping to achieve the State Board of Education's Strategic Imperative 5: *Increasing the Quantity and Improving the Quality of Education Options*. The Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program supports this initiative by providing funds to Florida for the purpose of awarding grants to charter schools to provide a high quality education for all students.

The attached Request for Proposal (RFP) outlines the application process and requirements for a three-year charter school planning, program design and initial implementation project. Charter schools that are authorized to open in the 2006-2007 school year are eligible to apply for funding. The project will provide funds that are necessary to open a charter school and provide a high quality education for all students.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Karen Hines at karen.hines@fldoe.org or Sue Wilkinson at sue.wilkinson@fldoe.org.

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