



School Board of Manatee County
June 28, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting
Action Item

Title

Approval of the Charter School Application from HOLA! Elementary @ Manatee School of the Arts (MSA)

Executive Summary

Florida Statute 1002.33(6)(b) requires that Manatee County School District School Board shall receive and review all applications for a charter school. Every effort is made to ensure that the review process is fair and transparent. HOLA! Elementary @ Manatee School of the Arts (MSA) submitted an application for a charter school to serve the Pre-K-5th grade population with a projected enrollment of 481 students in the 2023-2024 school year with a maximum enrollment of 641 students by year 5. The 2022-2023 school year will serve as a planning year.

The initial panel of reviewers included a diverse group of district administrators with expertise in a variety of areas related to the effective operation of schools. The initial panel of reviewers presented the findings from the review to the Charter Review panel. The charter school applicants were also interviewed. The interviews offered the applicant an opportunity to demonstrate the organizing group's capacity to implement the ideas as presented in the application as well as an opportunity to respond to clarifying questions from the Charter Review Panel. The Charter Review Panel has reviewed the application and discussed the findings from the initial panel of reviewers. The HOLA! Elementary @ MSA application meets the state requirements as set forth in Florida Statute 1002.33.

The approval of the charter school application from HOLA! Elementary @ MSA will ensure that all children will have an opportunity for a quality learning experience.

The application is too large to attach but can be viewed by contacting the District Support Services Office. A copy of the evaluation instrument is attached.

This item aligns with the District's Strategic Plan Goal(s) which state(s):

Curriculum & Instruction | Goal 3

Establish professional learning systems to advance continuous academic improvements, promote collective responsibility for student achievement, and support alignment of educator goals, school improvement goals, and school district goals by August 2022.

Recommendation

The Superintendent recommends approval of the Charter School application from HOLA! Elementary @ Manatee School of the Arts (MSA).

Financial Impact

HOLA! Elementary @ MSA will receive ninety-five percent (95%) of the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) and other appropriate funds based on actual enrollment as reported in FTE survey reports.

Contact

Submitting Department: District Support Services

Initiated by: Dr. Valerie Hyer

Attachments:

[HOLA! APPLICATION Evaluation Instrument_MASTER Rev. 5.20.22](#)

