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City of Pompano Beach

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City Commission Approves Submittal of a Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School Application

The Pompano Beach City Commission passed a Resolution on Tuesday, December 10th to submit an application to the Broward County Public School District to create a K-8 Municipal Charter School for the City of Pompano Beach.

Charter schools are independent public schools that are statutorily regulated and that operate under a performance contract, or a “charter”, which frees them from many regulations created for traditional public schools, while holding them accountable for academic and financial results. The charter contract between the charter school governing board, (the City Commission) and the sponsor (Broward County Public School District) details the school’s mission, program, goals, students served, methods of assessment and ways to measure success. Guiding principles for charter schools include the encouragement of innovative learning methods, the measurement of learning outcomes and the development of innovative measurement tools governing student learning and academic achievement, with a focus on having students reading at grade level by grade three.

The municipal charter school will be created to enhance the educational system in Pompano Beach to enable parental choice. The Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School (PBMCS) will be able to directly influence these factors because the City Commission serving as the school’s governing board would have the autonomy to establish their own mission and goals, determine the grade levels served, design their own academic program, design their own methods of assessment and ways to measure academic success, hire their own teachers and control their own finances. In addition, a high-performing (“A” rated) charter school for K-8 children and would yield positive long-term economic impacts to the City and its residents.

The application team working together as a committee to prepare and submit the Charter School application is Dr. Don Hooper, President of Center for Quality Leadership and School Superintendent for 25 years-retired, Dr. Earlean Smiley who has served in many capacities in Broward County Schools including 10 years as Deputy Superintendent-retired, Dr. Leontine Butler who has also served in many capacities in Broward County Schools over her 35 year career including Deputy and Area Superintendent-retired, Suzette Sibble, Assistant City Manager, Jonathan Bonilla, Budget Analyst with 10 years of experience working with City of Pembroke Pines Charter School System, and Lisa Mulhall, President of In Rem Solutions, Inc.

The Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School Application will be submitted by February 1, 2020, which is the Broward County Public School District’s 2020 Charter School application deadline.