

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
May 24, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Hope Operator Designation

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as a Hope Operator for Warrington Middle School in Escambia County.

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1002.333(2), Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 1002.333, Florida Statutes, authorizes high-impact charter school organizations to apply to the State Board of Education to be recognized and designated as a Hope Operator. To be eligible for the Hope Operator designation, a charter school organization must meet both of the following criteria:

- Be a non-profit organization with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- Operate three or more public charter schools that serve student grades K-12 in Florida or other states with a record of serving students from low-income families.

Additionally, the charter school organization must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Awarded a United States Department of Education Charter School Program Grant for Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools within the most recent three years;
- Receives funding through the National Fund of the Charter School Growth fund; or
- Is selected by a district school board as a school turnaround operator, pursuant to Section 1008.33, Florida Statutes.

Renaissance Charter School, Inc. is a nonprofit organization with tax exempt status that operates 37 public charter schools in Florida. Of these, 24 are Title I schools. Renaissance Charter School was selected by the Escambia County School District as a school turnaround operator, pursuant to Section 1008.33, Florida Statutes, to improve the performance of Warrington Middle School.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Application packet for Renaissance

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