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Mr. Adam Emerson
Charter Schools Director
Florida Department of Education
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

July 30, 2015

Dear Mr. Emerson:

This is to inform you that the intent of Polk County Public Schools is to apply for the District-Charter Collaborative Compact Planning Grant and is requesting the \$10,000 planning grant in order to pursue the development of the grant. Attached please find both the grant proposal and the required budget.

Please contact Melissa Brady, Director of Charter Schools, at (863) 534-0625 or email melissa.brady@polk-fl.net for additional information or in matters of this grant.

Sincerely,

Melissa Brady
Director of Charter Schools

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Polk County Public Schools
District-Charter Collaborative Compacts
Planning Grant

Polk County Public Schools is requesting a \$10,000 planning grant in order to support proposal development related to the submission of the District-Charter Collaborative Compact grant. It is the District's intention to utilize the planning funds to:

- Research and visit successful charter school organizations and existing compact cities such as Rocketship in Nashville, KIPP in Jacksonville, Denver Public Schools, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- Develop a full grant proposal to be submitted to the Florida Department of Education in October 2015.

The purpose of travel will include school visitations and participation in collaborative meetings with potential Compact partners. Visits will also provide an opportunity to evaluate and conduct observations of fully implemented Compact models.

In addition, the funds would be used to identify project participants and convene working groups in order to clearly define the District's key area of focus for establishing the Compact. These groups would be responsible for identifying specific objectives and delineating tasks among the group for the purpose of establishing a strategic and goal-orientated District plan that meets the Collaborative Compact agreement. Finally, working groups would meet to discuss the development of Compact grant final details.

A portion of the grant funds would include a professional services agreement for a consultant to assist the District with the development of a comprehensive Compact proposal. The consultant would provide technical guidance and assistance.

The planning budget is attached.

Polk County Public Schools
District-Charter Collaborative Compacts
Planning Grant – Budget

Tentative Travel Budget

Rocketship in Nashville:

- Airfare @ \$400 x 2 people \$800
- Accommodations @ \$150/night x 2 nights x 2 people \$600
- Per Diem @ \$36/day x 3 days x 2 people \$216
- Ground Transportation (rental car) \$200

KIPP in Jacksonville:

- Accommodations @ \$150/night x 2 nights x 3 people \$900
- Per Diem @ \$36/day x 3 days x 3 people \$324
- Mileage 380 RT @ \$.57 \$216.60
- Ground Transportation (rental car) \$200

Denver Public Schools:

- Airfare @ \$500 x 2 people \$1000
- Accommodations @ \$150/night x 3 nights x 2 people \$900
- Per Diem @ \$36/day x 3 days x 2 people \$216
- Ground Transportation (rental car) \$200

Miami-Dade County Public Schools:

- Accommodations @ \$150/night x 2 nights x 3 people \$900
- Per Diem @ \$36/day x 3 days x 3 people \$324
- Mileage 420 RT @ \$.57 \$239.40
- Ground Transportation (rental car) \$200

Subtotal \$7,436.00

Work Group Budget

Collaborative work group sessions x 3 all day (copies, printing, misc.) \$300

Subtotal \$300

Consultant Services

Professional Services Agreement – Consultant Fees \$2264

Subtotal \$2264

Total \$10,000