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To: "Jose Boza (DeKalb Schools Director, Leadership Development & Charter Schools Department)",
"Marcee Campbell (DeKalb Schools Charter School Coordinator)"

Cc: "Laura Ashley (Nelson Mullins) "

Subject: Charter partner

Dear Jose and Marcee,

In response to a question from your conversion charter school renewal candidates regarding whether GaDOE would consider approving a conversion charter school which did not have a Chief Financial Officer (as defined in section 15d of our charter contract template) because DCSS is only offering financial control over the same amount of funding that a DCSS non-charter school principal controls (approximately 1%), and the requirement for a CFO with the stated credentials (and commensurate salary) would therefore seem excessive, I replied that if DCSS submits a conversion charter renewal petition that does not meet the requirements of Rule and Law and/or are legally deficient in some other way, they would either be rejected as legally insufficient or be recommended for denial, depending on the specific deficiencies.

Please also be reminded of what we have consistently said during the past two years regarding our inability to recommend approval of a charter system contract for a district that fails to demonstrate it is a good charter partner with regard to its conversion charter schools. You may recall that this was one of the same minimum requirements that Fulton County Schools had to meet as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this or any other charter matter.

Thanks!

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