

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: November 7, 2012

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE IMAGINE DISCOVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHARTER AGREEMENT**

ORIGINATOR: Margaret-Ann Howie, Esq., General Counsel

RESOURCE PERSON(S):

INFORMATION

That the Board of Education approves the Imagine Discovery Public Charter School Agreement.

Attachment I – Charter Agreement

CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

THIS ADDENDUM dated the ____ day of _____, 2012 is between Imagine Baltimore County, LLC, doing business as Discovery Public Charter School, hereinafter “Charter School,” and the Board of Education of Baltimore County, hereinafter “Board.”

WHEREAS, the Charter School desires to extend the original Charter School Agreement, dated January 30, 2008, by continuing to operate the Charter School through the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years, and

WHEREAS, the Board has agreed to extend the Charter through the end of the 2013-2014 school year, the Parties agree to the following:

I. EXTENSION PERIOD

The Charter School Agreement of January 30, 2008, will be extended until the end of the 2013-2014 school year. The Charter School Agreement allows for an extension for an additional term of four (4) fiscal years. The determination of whether the Board will extend the Agreement for four (4) additional fiscal years beyond the 2012-2013 school year is contingent upon the attainment of specified criteria as indicated by an Initial Evaluation to be completed in January of 2013 and a Third Party End of Year Evaluation to be completed in June of 2013.

II. DEFINITIONS

The following terms referenced herein will be defined as follows:

- a. *Suspension Data*** that is comparable to the surrounding schools in the Southwest area and is no higher than the suspension data for schools in the Southwest area, and includes disaggregated data by subgroups, will be deemed acceptable for the purposes of the initial evaluation as well as the third party evaluation.

- b. *Special Education Compliance*** - A program that provides services to children in accordance with their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) in the least restrictive environment, in compliance with federal and state law, will be deemed acceptable for the purposes of the initial evaluation as well as the third party evaluation. Compliance will be based on, but not limited to: (1) monthly assessments of student data; (2) IEPs; and (3) instruction. The Charter School will be expected to sustain continuous improvement and to cooperate with the BCPS Office of Special Education to revise, as necessary, any of the aforementioned assessment areas.

III. EVALUATIONS

a. Initial Evaluation

i. The Parties agree that an initial joint soft evaluation shall jointly be completed no later than January 15, 2013, which shall monitor student achievement.

ii. The components of this initial evaluation will include:

1. MAP Data
2. One other data point, chosen by the Charter School, for each subgroup
3. School Progress Plan
4. Suspension Data
5. Identification of Gifted and Talented Students
6. Special Education Compliance

iii. Evaluation Teams

1. The Board's Evaluation team will include

- a. A Representative of the Department of Student Support Services
- b. A Representative of the Department of Research, Accountability and Testing
- c. The appropriate Assistant Superintendent for Schools

2. The Charter School Evaluation Team will include three (3) persons chosen by the Charter School.

b. Third Party/End of Year Evaluation

i. The Parties agree that an End of Year Evaluation shall be conducted by a Third Party, chosen by the Parties, whose costs shall be jointly borne by the Board and the Charter School.

ii. The End of Year Evaluation shall include the following components:

- 1. Five Years of Academic Performance
- 2. MSA Data
- 3. SAT10 results, by cohort.
- 4. Suspension Data
- 5. Special Education Compliance
- 6. Attendance
- 7. Parent Surveys

By: DATE

Imagine Baltimore County, LLC

APPROVED BY:

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq. DATE
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:
(Subject to Execution by the duly authorized Superintendent
and President of the Board of Education of Baltimore County)

Dr. S. Dallas Dance DATE
SUPERINTENDENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COUNSEL FOR BOARD DATE
OF EDUCATION

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