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TO THE CHARTER CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
AND MCKEEL ELEMENTARY ACADEMY, INC.**

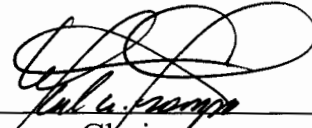
Pursuant to Section I. B(4) of the Charter Contract between THE SCHOOL BOARD OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, hereinafter Sponsor, and MCKEEL ELEMENTARY ACADEMY, INC., hereinafter School, dated July 1, 2006, this third modification to the Charter Contract was presented to and approved by the School Board at its meeting on July 24, 2007 and agreed to by the McKeel Elementary Academy's governing board as follows:

McKeel Elementary Academy may serve students in a Pre-Kindergarten (4-year olds only) program beginning with the 2007-2008 school year and increase student enrollment up to 420 students for each year of the current contract.

and attached hereto is agreed upon by the Sponsor and the School and is incorporated into the Charter Contract effective as of July 24, 2007.

All other provisions of the Charter Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

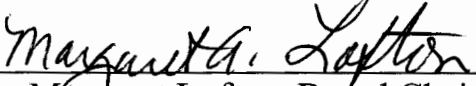
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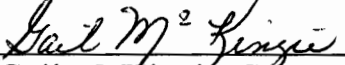
By   
Chairperson

Attest   
Secretary

Date: 8/21/07  
(SEAL)

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF POLK  
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By   
Margaret Lofton, Board Chair

Attest   
Gail McKinzie, Secretary

Date: July 24, 2007  
(SEAL)

# McKeel Elementary Academy

*"Educating Children Today for Tomorrow"*

Principal, Judi Morris

Assistant Principal, Steve Viers

Director, Harold Maready

May 29, 2007

Mrs. Carolyn Finch  
Office of School Choice  
School Board of Polk County  
P.O. Box 391  
Bartow, FL 33831

Dear Carolyn:

I would like for the following to be included in the McKeel Elementary Academy contract:

- A Pre-Kindergarten (4 year olds) program beginning with the 2007-2008 school year

We request that contract language be changed as indicated:

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## A. SCHOOL CONTRACT

McKeel Elementary Academy will serve approximately 420 students from the Lakeland area in grades ~~K-5~~ Pre-K - 5.

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## A. DEFINITION OF STUDENTS

(1) This school will serve students in grades ~~Kindergarten through five~~ Pre-Kindergarten through five.

(2) Following is the student enrollment projection breakdown by year:

Year 2: 2007-2008 ~~Grades K-5 up to 400 students~~ Grades Pre-K-5 up to 420 students

Year 3: 2008-2009 ~~Grades K-5 up to 400 students~~ Grades Pre-K-5 up to 420 students


Year 4: 2009-2010 ~~Grades K-5 up to 400 students~~ Grades Pre-K-5 up to 420 students

Year 5: 2010-2011 ~~Grades K-5 up to 400 students~~ Grades Pre-K-5 up to 420 students

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

Attached is a sheet addressing possible questions that may be asked regarding this proposal. Thank you for your help with this.

Sincerely,



Judi Morris  
Principal

cc: Harold Maready

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Office of Magnet, Choice & Charter Schools

**Q & A**  
**Proposed Changes to McKeel Elementary Academy Charter**  
**June 14, 2007**

- How will these changes affect the overall number of students?
  - 54 Pre-K (4 year olds) students are expected for 2007-2008 and each following year. (Increasing enrollment by 20 students allows McKeel Elementary to accommodate 54 additional preschool students due to the loss of K-5 students to meet the requirements of the class size amendment.)
- What facilities will be used for the additional students?
  - The school has an agreement with Trinity Presbyterian across the street from McKeel Elementary Academy to lease space for the 2007-2008 school year.
  - Discussions are underway with an architect to determine the feasibility of an addition to house the increased number of students for 2008-2009.
- What plans are in place for health, safety, and oversight of the program?
  - The facilities will be inspected by the county health inspector in the same manner as McKeel Elementary Academy.
  - Students will be dropped off and picked up at Trinity. Parents will sign in and sign out students with a staff member.
  - Students will bring lunches to eat at the preschool. They will not be fed in the lunchroom at McKeel Elementary.
  - The church entrance that will be used for staff, students, and parents will be accessed through a magnet lock. Visitors to the preschool will be required to check in as at McKeel Academy Elementary. Visitors to the church will not have access to the preschool class rooms.
- What qualifications will be required for staff?
  - The school plans to use teachers holding a valid teaching certificate (early childhood education or early childhood education/elementary education). Additional staff will include paraprofessionals.
- Will the Pre-K program be VPK (Florida's Voluntary Pre-K program)?
  - The school will have an extended day program with 3 hours daily of VPK and the remainder of the day continuing to focus on social/emotional development, fine/gross motor skills, and emergent literacy skills.
- What will be the budgetary impact?
  - The Pre-K program will be funded through VPK funds, and a tuition fee will be charged for the extended day portion of the program. This fee will follow pricing guidelines of public schools in other counties (Bay, Dade, Orange, Osceola)
  - These fees will be collected and accounted for using separate account for the preschool.

- What if parents are only interested in the 3 hour VPK program?
  - The school is currently accepting names for a waiting list from parents who are interested in only the 3 hour VPK program and plan to offer one class of 18 students if there is enough interest.
- How will Pre-K students be selected?
  - Students will be admitted according to when applications are received. A waiting list will be created after all 54 spots are filled.
- Will Pre-K students be assured a spot in Kindergarten at McKeel Elementary Academy?
  - Students attending the preschool program will not be guaranteed enrollment at any McKeel school, however, they may be given a priority for kindergarten enrollment. The school will continue offering priority for enrollment to siblings of currently enrolled students.