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Florida's Charter Schools News



Thank you to everyone that took the time to participate in our "Charter School Training Needs Survey". The survey was conducted online through Survey Monkey® over a two-week period in late January. The invitation to participate in the survey was sent out electronically to everyone on our e-mail list, including charter school administrators and District staff. We received 230 responses to the survey, representing a wide variety of constituents, including charter school administrators, teachers, district staff, FDOE staff, and others. The results of the survey were sent out on Thursday, January 29, so that participants could see the raw data. Our office will analyze the results of this survey, in conjunction with several other valuable sources of information, and begin developing a comprehensive training plan. Thank you again for your participation and continued efforts.

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Coming Next Month

Spotlight on Grants Management Staff responsible for processing charter schools grants.

RFP DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 6, 2009



The deadline to respond to the 2009-2012 Public Charter Schools Planning, Design and Implementation Request for Proposal (RFP) has been extended. Applicants are encouraged to view the RFP Questions and Answers posted on www.floridaschoolchoice.org and submit their applications to their districts for the Superintendent's signature.

Please submit your application by **March 6** to:

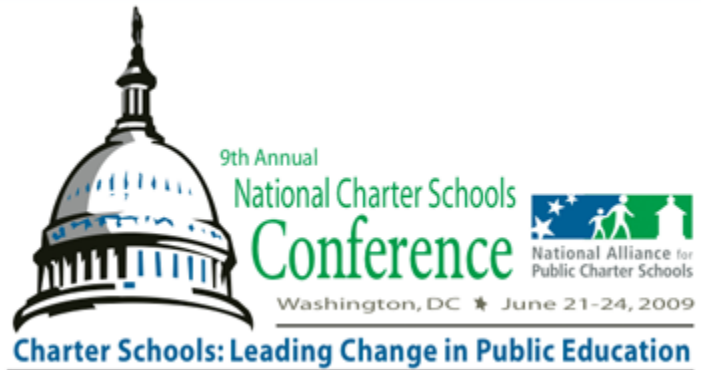
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The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
presents
9th Annual National Charter Schools Conference
June 21 – 24, 2009 • Washington, DC
Walter E. Washington Convention Center

Click on the following link for additional information:
<http://www.publiccharters.org/node/436>.



Staff Spotlight: Charter Schools Special Projects Coordinator Takiyah Randolph



Takiyah is a student at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University majoring in Health Information Management. She is the proud parent of a 21-month old son. Takiyah enjoys traveling and shopping.

Takiyah assists with many charter projects, such as Governance Training, Communications, Accountability Report, and other duties as assigned. She is a wonderful asset to the Charter Schools Office.

Takiyah previously worked with the Education Practices Commission within the FDOE.

Technical Assistance is Available

Charter schools staff is available to provide technical assistance or assist with any questions you may have. If you need assistance, please contact staff via telephone at 850-245-0502 or via e-mail at Charterschools@fldoe.org.



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The **Charter School Review Panel** will meet via conference call on February 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to participate, please call 1-888-808-6959 and enter code 2450861. For more information, please contact Jacqueline Hitchcock via telephone at 850-245-0502 or via e-mail at Jacqueline.Hitchcock@fldoe.org.

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