

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Turnaround Option Plan and Annual External Operator Contract for Alachua County School District

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consideration of new Turnaround Option Plan and Annual External Operator Contract

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1008.33, F.S., and Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to School Improvement Rule 6A-1.099811(8), all Turnaround Option Plans must be submitted to the Department for State Board of Education approval. A school district may choose the External Operator (EO) Turnaround Option Plan. Through this option, the district contracts with an outside entity that has a record of effectiveness to provide turnaround services. The school district shall enter into an annual contract with the EO, as set forth in subparagraph (12)(a)12. of the rule.

Lake Forest Elementary School in the Alachua County School District began implementing a State Board of Education-approved District-Managed Turnaround (DMT) Option Plan in 2019 and has not earned a school grade of "C" or higher. The Alachua County School District must now choose an alternative Turnaround Option Plan to support Lake Forest Elementary School as the school has not exited turnaround status. The proposed EO is Instructional Empowerment, Inc.

If Lake Forest Elementary School earns a 2024 school grade of "D" or "F," the Alachua County School District would implement the EO Turnaround Option Plan for the 2024-25 school year. To prepare for the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, the State Board of Education shall consider approval of the new EO Turnaround Option Plan and Annual EO Contract for Alachua County School District. If Lake Forest Elementary School earns a 2024 school grade of "C" or higher, the school district and EO will not proceed with the contract.

Supporting Documentation Included: EO Turnaround Option Plan and EO Contract

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