

**COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION POLICY RESEARCH AND IMPROVEMENT**

October 9, 2002

**SUBJECT: Charter Schools**

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**PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTION**

For Discussion

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Dr. Amalia Pares-Pomerantz, Principal of the Pembroke Pines Charter High School, will provide background information on the school and its development and discuss her perspective on the strengths and weaknesses of the charter approach.

Data compiled by the Florida Charter School Resource Center and the Choice Office of the Florida Department of Education indicates that there are 230 charter schools in Florida serving over 51,000 students. This is a rapidly growing segment of the K-20 System that will have implications for the Council's planning efforts.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Pembroke Pines Charter Schools FAQs  
OPPAGA Progress Report on Charter Schools, March 2002  
"Public Schools, Inc.," St. Petersburg Times, September 15, 2002

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

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