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Charter School Capital Excited for Presence at Florida Charter School Conference

(November 20, 2013) For Immediate Release – Today will see charter school supporters and stakeholders gather in Orlando for the [17th Annual Florida Charter School Conference](#) (FCSC). The conference brings together charter advocates from across the state to network, share best practices and gather information with the aim of promoting and strengthening charters. Among the conference sponsors is [Charter School Capital](#), a Portland, OR-based firm that provides working capital and facilities financing solutions exclusively to charters. Charter School Capital will be presenting the “Building a Growth Strategy” panel discussion at the conference, which outlines the three key stages of growth for charter schools and maps the challenges school leaders face as they grow their charters from start-up institutions into mature, sustainable schools.

“We are thrilled to be back at this year’s FCSC Conference to host a breakout session,” states Stuart Ellis, CEO of Charter School Capital. “Charter schools enjoy strong support in the state of Florida, and events such as this serve to bring our community together to share knowledge and resources. FCSC has been invaluable to the success of the charter school movement by creating opportunities for learning and growth.”

As of Fall 2012, more than 200,000 public students in Florida attended one of the state’s 574 charter schools, with the state witnessing strong year-to-year increases in enrollment for more than a decade. And contrary to arguments posed by critics, data shows that Florida’s charter schools are yielding higher student achievement results than are traditional public schools. According to a [2012 study by the Florida Department of Education](#) – which analyzed student data from the 2010-2011 school year – students enrolled in charter schools outperformed their peers attending traditional public schools in almost every field of study across all grade levels.

With Florida’s charters producing such positive results, it’s no wonder that demand for quality charters in the state continues to rise. To help answer this call, Charter School Capital’s “Building a Growth Strategy” panel will focus on the tools and resources school administrators will need to make their charter a success.

Those attending the Florida Charter School Conference are welcome to attend the panel, which will also host a Q&A session after the discussion. The panel will be held Wednesday, November 20th from 12:30-1:30 pm in the Grand Sierra Ballroom of the

Caribe Royale All-Suite Hotel & Convention Center. Panelists will include Jim Horne, chairman of the Florida Charter School Alliance, Michael Strader, president of Charter School Associates, and Isis Rosso, director of operations at Learning Path Academy, a West Palm Beach charter that recently partnered with Charter School Capital to meet their funding needs.

“We’ve developed a wonderful relationship in a short period of time,” shares Rosso. “Knowing that my budget is going to grow, I can breathe ease every month because Charter School Capital’s resources help us do what we’ve got to do. These are the people who are helping me build my dream school.”

Learning Path isn’t the only Florida school that has come to rely on Charter School Capital’s resources and expertise. An increasing number of charters, particularly those in the Tri-County area, are turning to the organization for assistance meeting their unique needs and goals.

For more information on Charter School Capital and working capital funding and facilities financing solutions available to charter schools in Florida, visit CharterSchoolCapital.org or contact Kim Brater at kbrater@charterschoolcapital.org.

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More Information on Charter School Capital:

Launched in 2006, Charter School Capital was founded to help provide flexible, low-risk and affordable funding to public charter schools, which typically have fewer funding options and have more difficulty accessing funds than traditional public schools. Through purchasing a school’s earned revenue, Charter School Capital has funded more than half a billion dollars to 400 schools across the United States, assisting with more than 400,000 students the opportunity for a high-quality charter school education. For more information, visit www.charterschoolcapital.org.