

# MacDill Charter Academy, LLC

September 29, 2014

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mary Ellen Elia, Superintendent  
Hillsborough County School District  
Raymond O Shelton School Administrative Center  
901 East Kennedy Blvd  
Tampa, FL 33602

**Re: MacDill Charter Academy LLC / Charter Application**

Dear Superintendent Elia:

On behalf of MacDill Charter Academy, LLC, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the leadership at MacDill Air Force Base and the Florida Charter Educational Foundation for the efforts put forth in assisting us in our attempt to bring a high quality charter school educational option to MacDill Air Force Base.

Base Commander Colonel Daniel Tulley has informed us that he is comfortable with the Base educational enhancements provided in the covenants and promises given to him by you and the School Board pertaining to the expansion of Tinker Elementary School by the addition of a 6, 7 and 8th grade programs and facilities. While we understand this promised expansion will provide some relief, we recognize that it is likely only a temporary solution and hope that in the future we will be able to find a way to accommodate many more students.

While we still believe a charter school on MacDill Air Force Base is a worthy educational alternative, we must acknowledge and take into consideration recent world activities and the role of MacDill Air Force Base in these activities, as well as Colonel Tulley's belief that the Tinker Elementary School expansion will help alleviate some of the educational concerns of Base families. As a result, we hereby withdraw our charter application dated July 31, 2014, as submitted by the undersigned to the Hillsborough County School District, Charter Office.

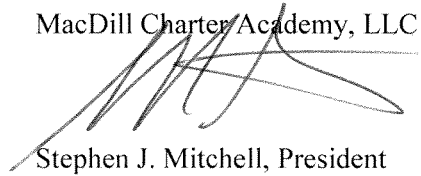
We also express our admiration and appreciation to our education management partner, Charter Schools USA, whose professionalism and true demonstration of charter school expertise helped guide us along this journey. We remain committed to helping the military families in any way and assisting Colonel Tulley in bringing to fruition the promised expansion of Tinker Elementary School as described above. If the military leadership at MacDill Air Force Base determines in the future that a charter school option is desirous, we would be honored to assist MacDill Air Force Base in that regard.

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Thank you, and your staff, for the time spent in processing the MacDill Charter Academy application.

Respectfully,

MacDill Charter Academy, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SM', is written over the printed name 'Stephen J. Mitchell, President'.

Stephen J. Mitchell, President

Copy: Colonel Daniel Tulley  
Board Members of MacDill Charter Academy, LLC  
Charter Schools USA  
The Florida Charter Educational Foundation