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Statement from the Board of Directors and Charter Board of Trustees of the Education Foundation Osceola County:

Today at the open to the public Board of Directors meeting for the Education Foundation Osceola County, and with the PM Wells School Charter Trustees recommendation for approval, voted in a new management contract for P.M. Wells Charter School to be awarded to National Academic Educational Partners, Inc. (NAEP). The new contract will commence at the natural expiration of the current contract. All students and teachers are welcome and will have opportunities to remain with PM Wells Charter School.

This new contract came as the result of a public request for proposal process begun months ago at public meetings. Several companies responded to the RFQ.

Charter Schools USA (CSUSA), the current contract management company, was initially chosen for negotiations for the new contract; however, no agreement could be reached on many areas of concern after numerous efforts. Although P.M. Wells is an "A" Rated School, that is just a small portion of what it takes to grow a school and be set apart from the surrounding area schools. The Education Foundation thanks CSUSA for the time that they managed P.M. Wells and we wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors as a company.

The Education Foundation and NAEP will hold several informational meetings over the next few weeks with faculty and families to explain opportunities and next steps and to assure a smooth transition. Dates and locations will be announced via the Education Foundation's website (www.foundationosceola.org). Parents with questions or needing assistance may contact Jeffery Hernandez, NAEP CEO, at 407-479-8804, or Artur Glants, NAEP COO, 407-379-3305.