

Date: 10/08/2025

Via Certified Mail and Electronic Mail – Return Receipt Requested Superintendent Dr. Christopher Bernier Duval County Public Schools 5775 Osceola Trail Naples, FL 34109

Re: School of Hope Building Notice — Selection of Underused/Vacant/Surplus Facility for Co-Location in Duval County

Dear Superintendent Bernier:

Pursuant to Rule 6A-1.0998271, Florida Administrative Code, and §1002.333, Florida Statutes, Mater Academy, Inc. hereby submits this School of Hope Building Notice identifying our selected underused/vacant/surplus district facility for co-location.

Planned Opening: August 2027

Grade Configuration (Year 1 / Full build): K-5

Projected SOH Enrollment (Year 1): Up to available capacity students

Five-Year Projection: 270

Selected Facility: Annie R Morgan Elementary

Our Projected SOH Enrollment for the selected facility does not exceed the excess student stations reported for that site in the most recent state reporting. We request a contiguous footprint within the facility chosen, with proportionate access to common areas (cafeteria, gym, parking, athletic fields) consistent with the rule.

Under the rule, any district objection must be based on material impracticability and made within the statutory timeline after receipt of this Notice. The district may propose an alternate underused/vacant/surplus facility, however, acceptance remains at the operator's discretion. Absent a timely objection, our selection becomes final and we will promptly execute the required Shared Facility Plan and Mutual Management Plan within the prescribed window.

To accelerate due diligence and planning, Mater concurrently requests:

Floor Plans (secure delivery): Please provide building floor plans (all floors, room numbers and square footage), site plan, and available utility one-lines/life-safety plans via a secure method within the timeline specified in Rule 6A-1.0998271.

Before/After-Hours Access: Please provide coordinated before/after-hours access for facility tours and vendor walkthroughs within the timeline specified in Rule 6A-1.0998271. Mater will ensure all vendor personnel complete Level 2 background screening and comply with site safety protocols.

Please direct correspondence to the undersigned and confirm receipt of this Notice. We are prepared to meet immediately to align on next steps and milestones.

Respectfully,

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CC: Florida Department of Education — acordoves@materacademy.com Enclosures: (A) Notice of Intent to Establish a School of Hope; (B) Floor Plan Request; (C) Facility Access Request