# **State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia**

Staff Recommendation for the 2018 Cycle February 28, 2018

School:	Pataula Charter Academy
Attendance Zone:	Baker County Schools, Calhoun County Schools, Clay County Schools, Early County Schools, Randolph County Schools and Terrell County Schools
Grade Levels:	K-12
Staff Recommendation:	SCSC staff recommends that the renewal petition Pataula Charter Academy be <b>approved</b> by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a 5-year charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

### **Rationale:**

Pataula Charter Academy met the expectations established by the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF). All evidence indicates that the school will continue to operate as a high-quality charter school consistent with the SCSC's mission and the educational goals of Georgia.

#### **1. Academic Performance**

Pataula Charter Academy met SCSC academic expectations as measured by the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) in all years of its current charter term for which academic data is available. PCA outperformed its comparison district (Baker County Schools, Calhoun County Schools, Clay County Schools, Early County Schools, and Randolph County Schools) in all grade bands served utilizing a combination of CCRPI Achievement, Progress, Single Score and Beating the Odds measures.

## 2. Financial Performance

Pataula Charter Academy met standards in all years of its current charter term for which data is available on the Financial portion of the CPF. On-site monitoring during the charter term revealed no significant deficiencies relating to financial performance. Audits were submitted in a timely manner prior to the established deadline and appear to demonstrate the school's ability to adequately manage cash and debt.

## 3. Operational Compliance

Pataula Charter Academy met standards on the Operational portion of the CPF in all years of its current charter term for which data is available. On-site monitoring revealed minimal findings and the school has a history of quickly remedying any identified deficiencies.