Coral Community Charter School
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Phase in of 7th and 8th Grade

Rationale:

- Charter's approach has led to student success
    - Final school grade for 2014-15 is B
    - School exceeds statewide benchmark in 4 categories: School Growth; Student Growth, Highest Performing; Opportunity to Learn, Bonus Points
- We believe we can continue this success for our future 7th and 8th grade students
- Parents and community have requested the addition of 7th and 8th grade
- Curriculum will include a mix of arts, exploratory courses or mini-courses, a characteristic of high performing middle schools according to *Middle Grades Playbook*, Edsource & Gaining Ground Study, 2011
- Evidence from *Stuck in the Middle*, Rockoff, 2010, shows middle grade students' academic and social success is increased significantly through:
    - K-8 configuration
    - Small class size

Curriculum/Program:

Implement a unique middle school instructional model with single gender classrooms to include:

- positive organization and climate
- intense focus on learning and data driven decisions
- curriculum, instruction, and assessment
- professional development for teachers
- leadership strategies for students
- parent/community involvement
- learning opportunities in the community (mini-courses)

Curriculum/Program (continued):

- Algebra 1
- lab based science

Facilites:

2016-2017 Phase in 7th grade

2 large, existing classrooms will be reconfigured to accommodate

2017-2018 Phase in 8th grade

Cost of both remodeling and leasing a portable will be researched; the most effective solution will be chosen