

Ocean Studies Charter School

5 Year Strategic Vision



History and Future Vision

History

- Founded in 2011
- Montessori foundation
- Marine Science program with weekly field labs
- Solve real world problems
- Project Based Learning
- Small, nurturing community

Future Vision

- Secure a financially viable facility
- Extend grades offered to Kindergarten – 8th grade
- Continue to develop student passion and understanding of marine science
- Align our school with other Upper Keys schools
- Continue our A-rated designation



Purchase of Building

- **Location Decision**

- **Tavernier/Islamorada**

- Three schools within 5 mile span (TVM, PKS, OSCS)
 - Current OSCS population - 30% of families live in Islamorada

- **Key Largo**

- Increase access to charter school option to Key Largo families
 - 2010 US Census, over 60% of 5 to 18 year olds are in Key Largo
 - Located on US 1 providing greater visibility to residents and potential families
 - Current OSCS population - 60% of families live in Key Largo
 - 75% of parents surveyed in the 2018-2019 school year were interested in moving the school to Key Largo



Improved Facilities and Safety

Facilities

- Concrete construction
- Located in X zone
- Hurricane resistant windows
- Improved parking and walkway access
- ADA access improved – ramp, parking spaces and elevator
- 5 upgraded classrooms and new Marine Science Lab

Safety

- Reflective glass windows
- Single point of entry
- Direct egress from each classroom



Financial Security

○ **Current Facility**

- Rent costs are \$240,000 per year at \$17,000 per month
- \$30,000+ maintenance
- Elevated flood insurance due to flood zone location
- Triple Net Lease

○ **New Facility**

- Mortgage \$124,000 per year at \$10,300 per month
- Purchase price \$1,800,000
- Down payment through private donations and fundraising \$433,175
- Bank loan for balance



Middle School

- Currently the only elementary school in Upper Keys
- Requested by parents and students for past three years
- Middle School located on second story of new facility
- Continue student interest and passion for environmental sciences
- Develop higher level of environmental issues to continue into high school and beyond
- Provide opportunity to stay in same school
- Continue to grow strong relationships with students through struggles and challenges of adolescence
- Improve student retention as older siblings stay until high school allowing younger siblings to remain
- Provide increased income to help secure long-term viability of school

