



June 9, 2021

Dear McKay Scholarship Families,

On May 11, 2021, Governor DeSantis signed House Bill 7045 into law, resulting in several changes to the state funded scholarship programs, including the McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities. Atlantis Academy is working closely with the Florida Department of Education to ensure appropriate and effective implementation of these changes. For our students and families that participate in the McKay Scholarship Program, it is important to know that House Bill 7045 authorized the transitioning of McKay Scholarship students into the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

- **What does this mean for current McKay Scholarship recipients?** Implementation of the McKay Scholarship program will remain the same for the 2021-2022 school year. McKay families will continue to work directly with Atlantis Academy and the School Choice Office at the Department of Education to manage their scholarship award.
- **What changes should I expect with my child's scholarship?** There will be no immediate changes to your child's McKay Scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year. Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, the McKay Scholarship will be rolled into the Family Empowerment Scholarship. When this happens, McKay Scholarship students will be eligible for an Education Savings Account and the funds will be administered by a Scholarship Funding Organization (SFO) such as Step Up for Students or AAA Scholarship Foundation.
- **What's next?** Changes to the McKay Scholarship program will not be implemented until July 1, 2022. As we move closer to the 2022-2023 school year, we will be in contact with families regarding the transition.

Atlantis Academy is committed to keeping our families informed of these important changes. As we receive information from the Department of Education, we will continue to communicate important information to our families. If you should have any questions, please contact our office. We hope all our students have a safe, relaxing, and enriching summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark DiConsiglio'.

Mark DiConsiglio
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