

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Title: One Year Delay for Providence Charter High School****Type of Executive Summary:**

Consent Action Action on First Reading Discussion Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
 General Statute #115C-238.29
 SBE Policy # _____
 SBE Policy Amendment
 SBE Policy (New)
 APA # _____
 APA Amendment
 APA (New)
 Other _____

Presenter(s): Mr. Philip Price (Chief Financial Officer, Financial and Business Services) and Dr. Joel Medley (Director, Office of Charter Schools)

Description:

In January 2014, the State Board of Education granted final approval to 26 charter applicants that are permitted to open in August 2014. One of those applicants was Providence Charter High School in Rockingham County. The proposal offers the opportunity for a second charter school to open in that county. The existing charter school does not serve the high school grades, so this school would be the first charter high school in Rockingham.

The nonprofit board that oversees the school – Providence Charter High School, Inc. – has notified the Office of Charter Schools regarding unexpected delays in the acquisition of a proposed facility. The Board of Directors also indicated that "reality of the extensive Ready to Open checklist in front of us" forced them to ask for the deferment as they see that they are not currently ready to open and serve students. Their letter, which is included as an attachment, provides more information regarding their facility obstacles and why they need additional time.

Thus, the nonprofit is requesting that the State Board of Education grant them a one-year delay in opening the charter school. The Office of Charter Schools supports this recommendation with the following stipulations:

1. The delayed year, within which the charter school does not serve students, will count as a year of what will become the signed charter agreement.
2. The board of Providence Charter High School, Inc. provides monthly progress reports to the Office of Charter Schools regarding board meetings, marketing plans, and facility renovation.
3. A Certificate of Occupancy for Education use is presented to the Office of Charter Schools no later than July 1, 2015. If that document is not presented, then the remainder of the charter term is null and void, meaning that a new application must be completed in future application rounds.

Resources:

N/A

Input Process:

Department of Public Instruction and the board of Providence Charter High School

Stakeholders:

Community members, parents, future students, and staff at Providence Charter High School

Timeline For Action:

This item was submitted to the State Board of Education as Discussion at the June 2014 meeting and is submitted as Action for the July 2014 meeting.

Recommendations:

The Office of Charter Schools recommends that the State Board of Education approve this one year delay by the Providence Charter High School with the above conditions.

Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

- Data Projector/Video (Videotape/DVD and/or Computer Data, Internet, Presentations-PowerPoint preferred)

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- Audio Requirements (computer or other, except for PA system which is provided)

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- Document Camera (for transparencies or paper documents – white paper preferred)

Motion By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Vote: Yes _____ No _____

Abstain _____

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