

Franklin
DISCOVERY
Academy

320 E Gammon Road
Vineyard UT 84058

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Dear Charter Board and Executive Director Kremer and Associate Director Steffensen,

Franklin Discovery Academy is excited at the prospect of a small expansion adding the 7th grade (and 100 students), a request we receive almost weekly from parents. We're in Vineyard, the fastest growing city in the nation and one without any school serving beyond 6th grade. An expansion would be a game-changer for our students, providing a "softer landing" and smoother transition with an extra year in a familiar, supportive environment during the awkward 7th grade year of physical and emotional changes. It would allow for continued academic and social development, better preparing them for junior high and high school while reinforcing the strong foundation of creativity and curiosity we've built in the earlier grades. Measured against the goals and purposes of charter schools, we can confidently say we are a success and well-positioned to serve 7th graders. Our students are involved in an incredible array of engaging learning activities (see our yearbook at www.franklindiscovery.org/satellite, our financial position is strong with healthy reserves (159 days cash on hand), we've consistently grown enrollment each year, and our waitlist is long.

We applied for a satellite last year, but due to the lack of flexibility in the rules, our application was not forwarded to the board. We would be happy to provide a report on how those minor checks that resulted in our disqualification have been resolved, especially because they were not reflective of our achievements or strengths as a school. If you would like to read more about our vision for 7th grade, our original application can be found at: www.franklindiscovery.org/satellite. We look forward to hearing from the board about our request and are ready to answer any questions about our plans.

Sincerely,



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