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Dear Members of the Utah State Board of Education,

On February 12, 2026, the State Charter School Board (SCSB) reviewed a request from Cambridge Preparatory Academy (CPA) seeking a waiver from the requirements of Utah Administrative Rule R277-552, *Charter School Timelines and Approval Processes*.

CPA was initially approved at the January 8, 2026, meeting of the SCSB to commence operations in the 2027–2028 school year (FY28), with an anticipated opening in August 2027. The school has since requested a waiver to revise its approved opening timeline to the 2026–2027 school year (FY27), with an opening in August 2026. While this request reflects a notably accelerated timeline, CPA has demonstrated confidence in its readiness and its capacity to address the challenges associated with an expedited opening.

Upon consideration of the information presented, the SCSB respectfully submits its recommendation that the Utah State Board of Education approve the requested waiver, thereby authorizing CPA to advance its approved opening timeline by one year and commence operations in the fall of 2026. This recommendation was approved by a unanimous vote of the SCSB.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Speicher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Stephanie Speicher