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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Brad C. Smith
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: June 18-19, 2015

ACTION: Amendment request from Guadalupe School

Background:

Guadalupe School opened as a charter school in fall 2007 serving just under 100 students in grades K-3. The school's charter agreement was amended to expand to serving 280 students in grades K-6. Guadalupe School requests to add 20 students beginning in 2015-2016 bringing the total authorized enrollment to 300. The State Charter School Board has reviewed and approved the amendment to the school's charter agreement and forwards it to the State Board of Education for consideration.

Key Points:

Guadalupe School serves a student population with a high number of ELLs. The executive summary report is included and additional information submitted by the school can be found at <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Charter-School-Board/2015-Board-Meetings/May-2015.aspx>

Anticipated Action:

The Law and Licensing Committee will consider approving Guadalupe School governing board's request as outlined in the amendment documentation. If approved by the Committee, the Board will consider approving the request.

Contact: Dr. Marlies Burns, Executive Director, State Charter School Board, 801-538-7817

AMENDMENT

Utah State Board of Education Charter School Board Executive Summary Report

The Utah State Charter School Board (SCSB) is charged with authorizing, monitoring, evaluating, and dismissing charters of public schools in Utah. Its work is under the direct supervision of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) per Utah Code 53A-1a-501.5.

This summary report shall be completed by the SCSB and submitted to Brad C. Smith, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education, two weeks ahead of the regularly scheduled USBE meetings for approval and inclusion in the board's agenda materials. Only that which is in writing, and included in the agenda materials, as ratified for recommendation by the SCSB, shall be considered by the USBE in its final approval process. Attachments, by way of clarification, or elaboration, may be included.

1. Charter School Guadalupe School

2. Website www.guadalupeschoolslc.org

Board Chair: Dave Lamb Email davelamb@q.com

School Administrator: Lory Curtis Email lory.curtis@guadalupeschoolslc.org

3. The Charter school is located in which school district? Salt Lake City

4. Requested amendment to charter (summary – full report can be found on State Charter School Board website at: <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Charter-School-Board/2015-Board-Meetings/May-2015.aspx>)

Guadalupe School governing board requests approval to add 20 students beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

5. Charter school mission and purpose(s):

The mission of Guadalupe Charter School is to provide a high quality, individualized instruction for children who are at risk of school failure, emphasizing student academic achievement and college and career readiness. We believe that only when students master fundamentals and are fluent in the basic foundational knowledge of the major disciplines can they move on to effectively express their knowledge and master higher-level skills.

Guadalupe is a community of students, staff and volunteers who believe that education is the greatest tool to fight the cycle of poverty. We are five programs within one school, each reaching individuals and families in poverty. To all who enroll in our programs, we provide a sense of connection, a welcome place to learn and a chance to find better opportunities.

6. Charter school student demographics (2014-2015 data):

- 248 students in grades K - 6
- 94.0% ethnic/racial minority
- 82.7% students are economically disadvantaged
- 66.5% students are learning English
- 7.7% students with disabilities

Salt Lake City School District student demographics (2014-2015 data):

- 23,615 students in grades K – 12
- 59.0% ethnic/racial minority
- 62.8% students are economically disadvantaged
- 19.4% students learning English
- 12.4% students with disabilities

7. What is the position of the local district regarding the amendment request? Who was the contact at the local district? (Attachment of letters, if necessary)

The school submitted the entire amendment request to Dr. McKell Withers, Salt Lake City School District Superintendent, on March 18, 2015. No concerns from the districts have been received to date.

8. Please provide a summary of the Utah State Charter School Board discussion pertaining to this amendment request, including points it would like the Utah State Board of Education to consider when making the decision to approve the amendment.

Guadalupe School is working through a ‘bubble’ class. If the amendment request is not approved, they will have to ask students to leave the school this fall (or educate the additional students without state funding) as their enrollment will exceed the school authorized cap.

9. Votes of the SCSB in approving the charter school application:

(Listing of charter board members’ vote)

Robert Enger, DeLaina Tonks	
Kristin Elinkowski, Bruce Davis	
<u>Howard Headlee, Dean Brockbank</u>	Recommended full approval
<u>Tim Beagley</u> _____	Not present for vote