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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Marlies Burns, Executive Director

DATE: May 12-13, 2016

ACTION: Charter Amendment Request for Leadership Learning Academy

Background:

Leadership Learning Academy opened in Davis School District fall 2013 and enrolls 558 students in grades K-6. It is currently approved to serve 567 students. Although the data is limited, numbers available suggest a strong academic program. Leadership Learning Academy is the only school in Utah using Project CHILD.

The Leadership Learning Academy governing board requests to open a satellite school in Ogden City School District; SY2018 serving 567 students grades K-6 (growth model provided below). The State Charter School Board approved this request at its April 2016 meeting.

School year	Grades	Total enrollment	K	1-6
SY2018	K – 6	513 students	81	432
SY2019	K – 6	567 students	81	486

Key Points:

The executive summary report is included and additional information about the amendment request can be found at: <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Charter-School-Board/2016-Board-Meetings/April-2016.aspx>

Board Strategic Plan: This item supports the following imperative(s) and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan:

Imperatives:

- Educational Equity
- Quality Learning
- System Values

Strategies:

- **Accountability:** Provide a transparent public educational system using evidence-based data that informs the public on the effectiveness of public education.
- **Educational Options:** Empower stakeholders with information to decide how, what, and where students are taught.

Anticipated Action: The Law and Licensing Committee will consider approving Leadership Learning Academy governing board's request to open a satellite campus in the Ogden City School District SY2018. If approved by the Committee, the Board will consider approving the request.

Contact: Marlies Burns, 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 Sydnee Dickson, Interim 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 Leadership Learning Academy

2. Website www.ll charter.org

Board Chair: Chuma Uzoh Email cuzoh@ll charter.org

School Administrator: Heidi Bauerle Email hbauerle@ll charter.org

3. The Charter school is located in which school district? Current – Davis; Satellite - Weber

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/2016-Board-Meetings/April-2016.aspx>)

Leadership Learning Academy's governing board requests approval to add a satellite school in Ogden SY2018 serving 567 students grades K – 6.

5. Charter school mission and purpose(s):

The mission of Leadership Learning Academy is to provide the unique, innovative teaching model of Project CHILD to help achieve a high degree of academic success while developing problem solving skills, independent learners, and future leaders in all our students.

6. Charter school student demographics (data):

- 558 students in grades K – 6
- 24.6% ethnic/racial minority
- 33.5% students are economically disadvantaged
- 1.1% students are learning English
- 12% students with disabilities

Davis School District student demographics (data):

- 69,879 students in grades K – 12
- 15.8% ethnic/racial minority
- 21.3% students are economically disadvantaged
- 2.8% students learning English
- 11.2% students with disabilities

Weber School District student demographics (data):

- 31,184 students in grades K – 12
- 17.7% ethnic/racial minority
- 31.4% students are economically disadvantaged
- 2.7% students learning English
- 12.5% 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 Superintendent Stephens, Weber School District, on March 2, 2016. No concerns or comments from the district has 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.

The school's Governing Board and current school administrator were at the meeting to discuss the satellite school. The Governing Board made a presentation about the success of the school thus far. The SCSB questioned the group about meeting the needs of the high population of economically disadvantaged students. The Governing Board is prepared for the increase and discussed research regarding project CHILD's success with at-risk, economically, and/or academically disadvantaged students in other states. Further discussion was had regarding the higher than median transfer rate. This is due to the population being affiliated with Hill Air Force Base. The satellite school should not have the same rate of transfer. The State Charter School Board voted to allow Leadership Learning Academy to open the satellite school.

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

(Listing of charter board members' vote)

Robb, Enger, DeLaina Tonks, Tim Beagley
 Kristin Elinkowski, Bruce Davis
Howard Headlee, Dean Brockbank Recommended full approval
 _____ Not present for vote