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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, Utah State Board of Education

**FROM:** Jennifer Lambert  
Executive Director

**DATE:** October 6-7, 2016

**ACTION:** Amendment Request – Freedom Preparatory Academy

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#### **Background:**

Pursuant to R277-482-7, the State Charter School Board approved an enrollment increase request for Freedom Preparatory Academy's Provo campus. Over the next four years, the school's enrollment is authorized to grow by 110 students. The action summary report is included and additional information about the amendment request can be found at:

<http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Board/2016/September.aspx>

#### **Board Strategic Plan:**

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

- Quality Learning
- Educational Options
- Oversight

#### **Anticipated Action:**

The Law and Licensing Committee will consider approving Freedom Preparatory Academy's Governing Board's request. If approved by the Committee, the Board will consider approving the request.

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**State Charter School Board  
Action Summary**

1. Charter School: Freedom Preparatory Academy
2. Details of request: Freedom Preparatory Academy’s governing board seeks, pursuant to R277-482-7, to amend its Charter Agreement to ultimately serve 2,322 students between its two campuses.
3. State Charter School Board Action: Approve Freedom Preparatory Academy Charter School’s request to increase school enrollment at the Provo campus, ultimately serving 1,640 students at the Provo campus and deny the request to increase school enrollment at the Vineyard campus to ultimately serve 682 students.
4. Summary of State Charter School Board discussion pursuant to Action.  
Freedom Preparatory Academy opened in fall 2003 in Provo. School enrollment for that school historically has been 98%. Freedom Preparatory Academy has demonstrated academic capacity and strong enrollment at their Provo campus. This fall, SY2017, Freedom Preparatory Academy opened a satellite campus in Vineyard. Freedom Board and Administrators acknowledged that enrollment has been difficult at the Vineyard campus. Since Freedom Preparatory Academy’s opening, performance data suggests the school’s academic performance on SAGE tends to be around the state average. When data is desegregated, the high school students typically perform higher than the state averages and better than similar schools, with elementary students performing around the same as the state numbers.
5. Full application submitted for consideration - <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Board/2016/September/FreedomPreparatoryAcademy.aspx>
6. The State Charter School Board, prior to action, reviewed the following documents. Associated notes are provided. If unchecked, the document was not relevant to Board action.

	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prior FY Audited Financial Statements	One finding: Per Director Gibbs this issue is resolved.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Current FY Budget	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Future FY Budget	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assessment Data	Noted above
<input type="checkbox"/>	Governing Board Meeting Minutes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Improvement Plan	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charter Agreement and Bylaws	Nothing in the charter agreement or by-laws prevents this expansion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charter School Performance Standards	83% of metrics met or exceeds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facility Contracts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accreditation Report	Fully accredited

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Portfolio Data including Demographics	Greater than or equal to state and district in enrollment of demographic subgroups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	

7. Submitted to Rhonda Mortensen at Alpine School District on July 1, 2016.

No response received.     Response attached.

Submitted to Shelly Shelton at Provo School District on July 1, 2016.

No response received.     Response attached.

8. SCSB voting:

<i>Member</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Deny</i>	<i>Recused</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Chair K. Elinkowski</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vice Chair D. Tonks</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Member R. Enger</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Member D. Brockbank</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<i>Member M. Smith</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Member G. Haws</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>