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### MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Jennifer Lambert  
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**DATE:** October 6-7, 2016

**ACTION:** Amendment Request – Wasatch Waldorf Charter School

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#### **Background:**

Pursuant to R277-482-7, the State Charter School Board conditionally approved an enrollment increase of 100 students for Wasatch Waldorf Charter School. A change to the school's enrollment in grade bands was also conditionally amended. The action summary report, stating the conditions, 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 Wasatch Waldorf Charter School'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: Wasatch Waldorf Charter School

2. Details of request: Wasatch Waldorf Charter School opened this fall in the Holladay area of Salt Lake City (Granite School District). The school was approved to serve 540 students with 60 in each grade; K (60), 1-6 (360), 7-8 (120). As demonstrated in the growth chart, the school is only serving half of the 7-8 grade students allowed. The SCSB office approved the shift of 60 students from the 7-8 grades down to the 1-6 grades with no amendment, as there is a cost savings in this move and there was no change in overall enrollment. The school is now asking to increase in only the lower grades over the next two years. They do not anticipate using the remaining 30 spots in the 7-8 grades. Wasatch Waldorf Charter School reported that school enrollment is over 100%, with approximately 500 students on the wait list.

<i>School Year</i>	<i>Grade K</i>	<i>Grade 1-6</i>	<i>Grade 7-8</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Current</i>	60	420	60	540
<i>2017-2018</i>	70	470	60	600
<i>2018-2019</i>	70	480	90	640
<b><i>Ultimate</i></b>	<b>70</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>640</b>

3. State Charter School Board Action: Conditionally approve the request to amend to increase total school enrollment by 100 students, ultimately serving 640 students as outlined in the growth model presented based on the following three conditions to be met on or before February 15, 2017: 1) the school is in good standing with the terms of its charter, 2) the school is at full enrollment in grades K-6, and 3) at least 80% of third graders at the school are reading on grade level at mid-year. Should the school meet the three criteria by February 15, 2017, the amendment will automatically be approved and enrollment may be increased.

4. Summary of State Charter School Board discussion pursuant to Action.  
The Director and Board chair presented the reason for the request. Although currently Wasatch Waldorf Charter School has the parental interest to support this growth, there is no history or data to demonstrate the interest will continue once the school is open or that the school will have strong academic performance. The conditional request allows the school to demonstrate academic proficiency while honoring parental interest.

5. Full application submitted for consideration - <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Board/2016/September/WasatchWaldorf.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 type="checkbox"/>	Prior FY Audited Financial Statements	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Current FY Budget	No concerns
<input type="checkbox"/>	Future FY Budget	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assessment Data	
<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 type="checkbox"/>	Charter School Performance Standards	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facility Contracts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accreditation Report	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Portfolio and Demographic Data	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: School wait list verified	

7. 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"/>
<i>Member B. Davis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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"/>