



Friendship Aspire Academies
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Charter Amendment Request Presentation

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What We Are Seeking Approval to Do?

- 1) Upon the transfer of schools from Lighthouse to Friendship, we intend to suspend the operations and close the current Pine Bluff Lighthouse Elementary and Middle School campus (lease terminates June 30, 2023);
- 2) Enroll as many current and eligible Lighthouse students (324 students) in one of four Friendship Aspire schools the cities of Pine Bluff and North Little Rock (Hazel Street Elementary Southeast Middle 6-8; or Southeast High school and at the former Lighthouse Capital City North Little Rock Campus);
- 3) Interview and rehire any eligible Lighthouse staff (instructional, administrative and school operations staff) and,
- 4) Continue the current school design, grade span and operations of Lighthouse Capital City North Little Rock (Would remain a K-5 campus rebranded as a new Friendship Aspire school campus).
- 5) Seeking a 500 Enrollment Cap increase in order to add a new FAA K-5 North Little Campus (k-5 at 80 kids per grade). We do not anticipate needing to increase the number of students at any of our PB or Little Rock (Garland Elementary/MS) campuses currently.

Transition Timeline:

Feb 14th – Charter Advisory Panel Approval

March 7th – State Board Approval

March 8th – Begin recruiting students and transitioning existing Lighthouse staff

Mid-April - Former Lighthouse staff notified of employment with Friendship
July 1st – Friendship's takeover complete (June 30th last day Lighthouse will be operating PB/North LR schools)

Aug 14th - First Day of School (former LH students and staff in Friendship schools)

Efforts to Date:

- Created a Lighthouse/Friendship Transition Team
- 2 Parent meetings at Lighthouse PB and North Little Rock Campuses (57 parents completed pre-enrollment forms)
- 2 Staff meetings at Lighthouse PB and North Little Rock Campuses
- Conducted All Staff meetings of Friendship employees in PB and Little Rock campuses
- Two Community meetings planned (1 in each city)

Benefits for Lighthouse Students and Parents:

- No disruption of education for students (324 charter seats saved)
- Familiar students and staff
- Specialized Intervention/Academic Support (summer bridge program for 6th and 9th graders and year-long daily intervention)
- Afterschool Programs (same school day start (7:30 am with on-site afterschool program that will end 6 pm Mon-Friday)
- Transportation (Bus) pick up and drop will remain the same

Transition Plan in Pine Bluff:

- Enroll all **204** current Pine Bluff Lighthouse students (145-Elementary and 59 Middle School students)
- All current Lighthouse students would get enrollment preference into any Friendship schools for 2023-2024 school year

SY2023 Lighthouse Student Enrollment by Grade Level

FAA Campus	Grade Level	Total Slots for Lighthouse Students
FAA Elementary Hazel Street Campus	K-5	102
	K	0
	1	18
	2	24
	3	21
	4	14
	5	25
FAA SE Middle School	6-8	77
	6	19
	7	24
	8	34
FAA SE High School	9	25
Total Projected No LH Students to Transfer		204

Transition Plan at New North Little Rock Campus:

- Enroll all **204** current Pine Bluff Lighthouse students (145-Elementary and 59 Middle School students)
- All current Lighthouse students would get enrollment preference into any Friendship schools for 2023-2024 school year

10-Year North Little Rock Campus Cap Enrollment Projections

	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total Campus Enrollment Cap
SY2023	25	19	23	16	19	23	125 (1/2)
SY2024		25	19	23	16	19	102
SY2025			25	19	23	16	83
SY2026				25	19	23	67
SY2027	80				25	19	124 (4)
SY2028	80	80				25	185
SY2029	80	80	80				240
SY2030	80	80	80	80			320
SY2031	80	80	80	80	80		400
SY2032	80	80	80	80	80	80	480

Assumptions:

- Assumes 120 current (1-5 grades) Lighthouse students will transfer to new North Little Rock Campus
- In SY2023 we will recruit 25 new K students at new North Little Rock Campus
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- By SY2027 we will renovate and expand the school facility to accommodate 500 students (18 classrooms @ 3/4 classes per grade level)
- After SY2026 school will reboot at a pace of one grade per grade level (slow-growth model)

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