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April 5, 2023

Jacob Oliva  
Commissioner of Education  
Cabinet Secretary, Arkansas Department of Education  
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Four Capitol Mall, Room 304-A  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Oliva,

I am requesting a waiver of Rule 4.02.4 in order to appear before the Charter Authorizing Panel at the April 2023 meeting to request a Charter Amendment on behalf of the District.

Mountainburg Middle School Brain Academy currently operates as a District Conversion Charter serving grades 5-8. We request to amend the charter to remove grade 5 from the school, and reconfigure grade levels to serve grade 5 at Mountainburg Elementary in a Pre-K-5 school, and serve grades 6-8 in the Middle School Brain Academy.

This request is based on developmental needs, staffing, instructional programming, and resources available at each school. We believe it is in the best interest of learning for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to be instructed at the Elementary campus and prepare for transition to the middle school based on age, development, staffing resources and efficiency, and instructional programming.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Dr. Debbie Atwell  
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