



Springdale School District

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Dr Jim Rollins, Superintendent

June 12, 2020

Mr. Johnny Key
Secretary of Education
Arkansas Department of Education
Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Key:

I am writing to request a waiver of Section 4.02.4 of the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Public Charter Schools, which requires an amendment request to be received thirty five (35) days before the authorizer meeting in which the request will be heard. Section 4.02.6 of the Charter School Rules gives you the authority to waive the requirement of Section 4.02.4 under circumstances that may negatively impact the continuation of educational services to students. We request to be placed on the agenda of the July 14, 2020 Charter Authorizing Panel.

In order to serve our students during this unprecedented time, the district will ask the Charter Authorizing Panel to increase the enrollment cap at Don Tyson School of Innovation (DTSOI) to 23,000. This will allow any Springdale student who wishes to be served 100% virtually to access the DTSOI Virtual Innovation Academy (VIA). VIA currently serves students in grades 6-12 virtually and will offer virtual instruction to students in kindergarten through fifth grade beginning in the fall.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Rollins, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Johnny Key
Secretary

June 17, 2020

Dr. Jim Rollins, Superintendent
Sent via e-mail

**State Board
of Education**

RE: Charter Amendment Request

Diane Zook
Melbourne
Chair

Dear Dr. Rollins:

Charisse Dean
Little Rock
Vice Chair

I received your letter requesting a waiver of Section 4.02.5 of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Public Charter Schools. You requested this waiver so that the Charter Authorizing Panel may hear your school's request for an amendment of its charter during the Charter Authorizing Panel's July meeting.

Susan Chambers
Bella Vista

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

Pursuant to my authority under Section 4.02.6 of the above rules, I grant a waiver of Section 4.02.5.

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart

Sincerely,

Ouida Newton
Poyen

R. Brett Williamson
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