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**April 10, 2023**

**Ms. Dorie Summons  
Director of Public Charter Schools  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Four Capitol Mall, Box 26  
Little Rock, AR 72201**

Re: Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas, Premier High Schools of Arkansas, Premier High School of Springdale, & Premier High School of North Little Rock

Dear Ms. Summons:

Pursuant to Section 4.02.4 of the ADE Rules Governing Public Charter Schools, I have enclosed a completed Charter Amendment Form (with the required attachments and related documents) for the purpose of requesting the following amendment to our charter:

- 1.) Rescission of our waiver of Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-2403, concerning the minimum teacher compensation schedule.

I am requesting that this amendment request be placed on the April 25, 2023 agenda of the Charter Authorizing Panel for consideration.

I am also contemporaneously sending a copy of this notice letter to the Superintendents of the North Little Rock, Springdale, Little Rock, Bentonville, Rogers, Texarkana, Pulaski County, and Fort Smith School Districts.

Sincerely,

  
**Rhonda Bradford  
Superintendent  
Responsive Education Solutions Arkansas**



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Cc:

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# Charter Amendment Request From

The Charter Amendment Request Form and all required documentation must be received via email ([ade.charterschools@arkansas.gov](mailto:ade.charterschools@arkansas.gov)) at the Arkansas Department of Education at least 35 days prior to the Charter Authorizing Panel meeting.

	Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas	0442700
	Premier High Schools of Arkansas	6053700
<b>Charter Name:</b>	PHS Springdale & PHS North Little Rock	7242700
		<b>LEA:</b> 6062700

**Superintendent or Director:** Rhonda Bradford

**Email:** rbradford@ResponsiveedAR.com **Phone:** 501-472-0539

\*\*\* Please review attached amendment documentation \*\*\*

## Type of Amendment(s) Requested

**Add a New Campus** (Must also submit the Facilities Utilization Agreement)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

**Relocate Existing Campus** (Must also submit the Facilities Utilization Agreement)

Campus Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

**Increase Enrollment Cap**

Current Cap: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Cap: \_\_\_\_\_

**Change Grade Levels Served**

Current Grade Levels Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Grade Levels Served: \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver(s)**

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived: Rescind waiver of Ark. Annotated Code Section 6-17-2403, concerning the minimum teacher compensation schedule.

**Rationale for Waiver:**

The following Responsive Education Solutions, Inc. charters (Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas, Premier High School of Arkansas, Premier High School of Springdale, & Premier High School of North Little Rock) are requesting to amend its charter by rescinding its waiver of Ark. Annotated Code Section 6-17-2403, concerning the minimum teacher compensation schedule. The rationale for requesting the rescission of the waiver is to assist our charter schools in qualifying for the additional funding available under Section 35. of the LEARNS Act (Act 237 of 2023), in order to implement the new statutory minimum teacher compensation schedule and offer competitive salaries to our current and prospective teachers.

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rationale for Waiver:**

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Facilities Utilization Agreement

To be completed and submitted with an amendment request to add a new campus or relocate an existing campus

Lessor (Owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Lessee (Tenant): \_\_\_\_\_

Information regarding affiliation, family ties or other relationships between the Lessor and Lessee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address of Premises: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present use of the facility: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_ Rental Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Terms of Lease: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contingency:** The terms of this agreement are contingent upon \_\_\_\_\_  
Charter School receiving approval by the Authorizer to operate an open-enrollment public charter school at the premises identified.

No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the open-enrollment public charter school shall constitute an indebtedness of the State of Arkansas or its political subdivisions and no indebtedness of the open-enrollment public charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit or taxing power for the state or its political subdivisions. An open-enrollment public charter school shall not incur any debt, including lease, without the prior review and approval of the Commissioner of Education.

We affirm that the facility is, or will be prior to charter occupancy, compliant with ADE/IDEA accessibility regulations and will remain so while the charter occupies the location.

Lessee: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Lessor: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

## Salary Schedule 2023-2024

Beginning Teacher (0 Years Experience)	\$50,000
All current certified positions in the 22-23 school year earning less than \$48,000 based on current salary schedule	\$50,000
All current certified positions in the 2022-2023 school year earning \$48,000 or more based on current salary schedule.	\$2,000 Increase



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## **RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUEST TO ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the ResponsiveEd Texas Board of Directors (“Board”) approves submitting the amendment to the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the purpose of reassigning the Arkansas Charters listed below from ResponsiveEd Texas to ResponsiveEd Arkansas.

Arkansas Charters Affected by this Resolution:

- 0442700 - Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas
- 6053700 - Premier High Schools of Arkansas
- 6062700 - Premier High School of North Little Rock
- 7242700 - Premier High School of Springdale

*[Signature Page Follows]*

By 6 to 0 majority vote of members of the Board, this resolution was (Check one.)  approved  disapproved at a lawfully called meeting on March 10, 2023, and as indicated by their signatures below.

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Ben Klingenstein, President

3/10/2023  
Date

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Marvin Reynolds  
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Marvin L. Reynolds, D. Ed., Vice President

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Date

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Kent Sparks, Secretary

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Chuck Cook, CEO/Director

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