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Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Mary Perry (ADE)
Cc: Darrell Smith (ADE); Seth Seaton (ADE); Cheryl Powell (ADE); Freddie Scott (ADE)
Subject: Re: July 17th CAP Hearing - Response Needed by July 15

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ADE Team,

Thank you for your patience and support as we prepare to launch schools in Arkansas. In response to Mr. Scott's inquiries based on the July 17, 2025 Consent Agenda, IOTA Community Schools offers the following:

- IOTA Community Schools is delaying the start of its K-5 and 6-8 charters due to challenges securing a suitable location in SW Little Rock, our proposed demographic. We have sought partnerships with other organizations that would have allowed us to cohabitate and launch for the 25-26 school year. The timeline necessary to move things in the right direction would not have been suitable for the start of the school year, so we thought it best to delay the launch until the next school year.
- We are currently in talks with another organization that will move forward our opportunity to operate schools for the 26-27 school year without any foreseeable challenges. We will launch both charters for the next school year.

I'm happy to provide any further information. Please reach out if you need anything more.

Best,

JR

On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 9:28 AM Mary Perry (ADE) <Mary.Perry@ade.arkansas.gov> wrote:

Ms. Rodgers,

Please send me the responses to the questions in Mr. Scott's email as soon as possible, but no later than tomorrow, Tuesday, July 15.

Thank you so much,

Mary

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From: Freddie Scott (ADE) <Freddie.Scott@ade.arkansas.gov>

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Subject: July 17th CAP Hearing

Ms. Rodgers,

In preparation for the upcoming Charter Authorizing Panel (CAP) hearing on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 9:00 AM, the ADE Charter Schools Office conducted a briefing session with the CAP members. The following areas were identified deemed pertinent to your Amendment Request:

- The Amendment Request was tentatively placed on the Consent Agenda. Please submit written responses to the questions listed below to assist CAP determination of addressing Consent Agenda item versus Action Agenda item for your Amendment Request:
 - What is the rationale for the delay in each school's launch date?
 - What is the strategy going forward to ensure proper launch for the 2025-2026 school year?
- Attendance may be In-Person or Virtual.

Please feel free to provide responses to these questions via a formal presentation or at the podium during your 20 minutes of presentation time. If preparing and utilizing a document, please forward to our Charter Schools Liaison, Mary Perry at mary.perry@ade.arkansas.gov.

Thank you and we welcome any questions that may surface because of this message.

Freddie Scott

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