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Johnny Key
Secretary

October 31, 2019

Dr. Slocum, Superintendent
Fayetteville Virtual School

**State Board
of Education**

RE: Charter Amendment Request

Diane Zook
Melbourne
Chair

Dear Dr. Slocum:

Charisse Dean
Little Rock
Vice Chair

I received your letter dated October 30, 2019, requesting a waiver of sections 4.02.3 and 4.02.5 of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Rules Governing Public Charter Schools. You requested these waivers so that the Charter Authorizing Panel may hear Fayetteville Public Schools' request for an amendment of its charter during the Panel's November meeting.

Susan Chambers
Bella Vista

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

Pursuant to my authority under Section 4.02.7 of the above rules, I grant the district a waiver of sections 4.02.3 and 4.02.5.

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart

Sincerely,

Ouida Newton
Poyen

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Johnny Key".

Chad Pekron
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Dr. Megan Slocum, Associate Superintendent

To: Ms. Kelly McLaughlin
From: Dr. Megan Slocum, Associate Superintendent
Subject: Fayetteville Public Schools, Fayetteville Virtual Academy Waiver Request
Date: October 30, 2019

Ms. McLaughlin,

Fayetteville School District through the Fayetteville Virtual Academy (FVA) District Conversion Charter School asks for special consideration to be reviewed by the Charter Authorizing Panel and State Board of Education to seek approval on a charter amendment request.

The goal of FVA is to meet the unique needs of students where they are to help them achieve success through excellent academic outcomes. This approach is unique to each individual child and their family situation. We strive to meet those unique needs for students.

In light of the recent legislation concerning required unstructured social time for students during the school day, the district requests that both the Charter Authorizing Panel and the State Board of Education allow FVA to waive the necessary requirements of Act 641, forty minutes of recess as part of the instructional day. This specifically addresses §6-16-102, School Day Instructional Time and Standards for Accreditation 1-A.5.2, Unstructured Social Time for Elementary Recess.

We ask this consideration be applied to the November Charter Authorizing Panel and in doing so, request the Sections 4.02.3 and 4.02.5 of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Charter Rules be waived.

Fayetteville Public Schools appreciates the partnership and dedication of the Division of Secondary and Elementary Education and looks forward to the charter renewal process for the school in the coming months. Ms. McLaughlin, thank you for helping us with the appropriate language. Ms. Mary Clarie Hyatt and Ms. Lori Freno were also particularly helpful in determining our next steps for this request.





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Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Megan Slocum

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Associate Superintendent
Fayetteville Public Schools

