



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**State Board of
Education**

RE: Charter Amendment Request

Ouida Newton
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Chair

Dear Superintendent Bradford:

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Vice Chair

I received your letter dated April 10, 2023, requesting a waiver of section 4.02.4 of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Rules Governing Public Charter Schools. You requested this waiver so that the Charter Authorizing Panel may hear Founders Classical Academy and Premier High School's additional request for the amendment of their charters related to rescission of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2403, to comply with the minimum teacher salary requirements in the LEARNS Act during the Panel's April meeting. This additional request is to accompany an already properly filed and noticed request.

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

Steve Sutton
Marion

Pursuant to my authority under Section 4.02.6 of the above rules, I grant Founders Classical Academy and Premier High School a waiver of section 4.02.4.

Randy Henderson
Blytheville

Sincerely,

Lisa Hunter
White Hall

Jeff Wood
Little Rock

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Commissioner of Education