

RECEIVED AUG 11 2010

To: Arizona State Board for Charter School  
From: BNE Ashur Charter School

I am writing this letter to request an amendment to open our school in August 2011. I will explain the main reasons and how we are planning on correcting them and preparing ourselves to open next year.

First, we did not receive a grant for our start up costs, which put us in a financial hardship. This resulted in us not being able to conduct a comprehensive marketing campaign and we only enrolled 20 students. There were 19 kindergartners, and as you are aware, the state funding was reduced this year for kindergartner. This on top of low enrollment made it impossible to meet the requirements and educational program that was approved in our charter application.

We are currently working on a marketing campaign as well and making improvements to the existing playground at the school. We are going to increase the playground area of the school to an acre of grassed area with a commercial playground with slides, etc. This will increase our exposure in the local community as well as providing prospective parents and students a more aesthetically pleasing environment. We are also completing the wiring of our computer lab, our computer network, and the installation of video cameras for the security of our campus.

During the coming months I will also be fundraising and completing agreements with the vendors and staff members that we will need to operate our school safely and efficiently. This amendment will also allow me the time to improve my health and heal from the medical issues I have had for the last several weeks.

I apologize that we will not be able to open the school this year. I also want to thank you for your consideration and for your help in this process.

Best regards,

Banipal Benjamin

August 9, 2010

