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INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) The Educational Options Foundation (CTDS) 078558000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 2150 E Southern Ave.

(City, State) Tempe, AZ (Zip) 85282

(Charter Representative's Name) William Jeffrey Sawner

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✦ Changes in number of contractual days of instruction

Included is the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with ARS §38-431.01)

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and The Educational Options Foundation (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: One 180 day instructional track traditionally beginning in August and ending in May.

TO: Three 180 day tracks. Track 1 from July to April, Track 2 from August to May (traditional schedule), Track 3 from September to June. *Grades 9-12 only.*

Fiscal Year Effective Date: 2010-2011

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In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 18 day of March, 2010 and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this ___ day of ___, 20___, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.

Handwritten signature of William Jeffrey Sawner

Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

March 18, 2010

Re: Instructional Days Amendment Request

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
Attn: Ms. DeAnna Rowe, Executive Director
1701 W. Washington Street, Room 164
Phoenix, AZ 85007

The Educational Options Foundation respectfully requests to amend the terms of the current charter contract. Specifically the Educational Options Foundation requests that EdOptions High School be approved to add two additional instructional tracks beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.

Currently EdOptions High School has one 180 day instructional track that begins in August and ends in May, following a traditional school calendar. The Foundation would like to provide our students more opportunities to participate in school by offering a total of three 180 day instructional tracks.

- Track 1: July to April
- Track 2: August to May (traditional schedule)
- Track 3: September to June

Providing a track that starts a month earlier and one that starts a month later than the traditional track will provide students unique school start options while providing a full instructional year. Multiple tracks will permit students more flexibility and control over their education. Adding tracks will provide each student with the opportunity to maximize attendance and instructional time by adding start dates that do not penalize the student for wanting to accelerate their education or for returning to school late based on life choices or transfer from out of state or home school.

The blending of highly qualified, certified teachers in the classroom and accredited online course content allows EdOptions High School to provide an outstanding education to each student regardless of their enrollment date. Our goal is to make high quality programs available to all students regardless of their individual school calendar or schedule needs.

Additionally:

- No students will be reported for more than a max of one (1) FTE.
- All students will participate in AIMS testing as required by statute.



We look forward to working with staff and the Board to move this request to a positive conclusion. Our staff and resources are available to assist in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. J. Sawner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William J. Sawner
Authorized Representative
The Educational Options Foundation
EdOptions High School

Enclosures:
Instructional Days Amendment Request
Board minutes approving the change

**EdOptions High School
Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting**

The EdOptions High School Governing Board convened a regular board meeting Friday, March 12, 2010, in the Educational Options Office at 2150 E Southern Avenue, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

Item A. Dr. Tom Sawner called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

Item B. Attendees: Dr. Tom Sawner, Board President Ken de Masi
Jeff Sawner Chris Rosner
Jim Taylor, Principal Claudina Douglas
Dave Reed Elizabeth Duncan
Tyler Pace – ADI Business Solutions

Item C. Mr. Jeff Sawner motioned the Governing Board approve the March 12, 2010 agenda as presented with modifications. Second by Ken de Masi. Motion passed.

Item D. No items to study at this time.

1. Discuss market plans and ideas to increase school enrollment.
 - Make arrangements to hold Drop-out Prevention Conference as proposed during the December 16, 2009 Governing Board Meeting. Try to draw them in with the offer of food and continuing education units.
 - Move forward with Open House for Middle Schools.
 - Revisions to website almost complete making the website easier to navigate. Added pictures of students and adding student testimonials. Will add parent testimonials in the future.
 - Sent out letters to high school drop out prevention counselors and middle and junior high charter and private school principals. Identified over 300 students that will have to make a school choice in the coming year. Most likely in the next 45 days.
 - Mike Duffy has set up an incentive for Doris and Ray to build relationships with the middle school private and charter schools.
 - Using "Just Popped In" campaign developed by the sales department. Dropping by targeted schools with a popcorn snack.
 - Majority of current students have come from internet searches, referrals from drop out prevention counselors, and word of mouth. All students interviewed by the Principal.
 - If you get them in front of you, we have a good chance of keeping them.
2. Consider approving a charter contract amendment to add grades 7 & 8 to the charter.
 - Will give EOHS an expanded range of students with existing infrastructure.
 - The advantages are: convenience of dropping siblings at the same location, creates an internal feeder system, brings in students earlier, introduces them to the program, meshes with AZ online instruction and fills a gap as middle school grades are underserved in the charter schools.
 - Course structure has been completed and will be submitted to the charter board for review.

Mr. Jeff Sawner motioned the Governing Board approve the amendment to add grades 7 & 8 to the charter contract. Second by Chris Rosner. Motion passed.
3. Consider approving a charter contract amendment to provide three 180 day instructional tracts to the school year.
 - Allows more students to have a full instructional year.
 - Enroll students in the new school year vs. summer school.
 - Staffing already in place.
 - Using individual curriculum for each student.

- All students have a graduation plan.
 - Implemented student interviews for transition plans.
 - Accommodate students coming in from other states.
 - Submit three calendars to the Arizona Department of Education in May.
- Mr. Ken de Masi motioned the Governing Board approve the amendment to provide three 180 day instructional calendars to the charter contract. Second by Chris Rosner. Motion passed.

4. Consider approving a charter contract amendment to add Arizona Online Instruction to the charter.

- Currently waiting for the state to come onboard. Amending the charter now would allow us to move forward with no delay.
- Allow us to start working in secure facilities.
- Three out of the four students released from the jail have moved on to traditional school.

Mr. Jeff Sawner motioned the Governing Board approve the amendment to add Arizona Online Instruction to the charter contract. Second by Chris Rosner. Motion passed.

5. Consider approving payment of EOHS staff dental plan.

- Not aware the EOHS staff did not have comparable coverage to Educational Options Employees. Will bring the EOHS employees in line with the for profit employees.
- Dental coverage will add \$139.80 to the premium per month with spouse and child coverage paid by the employee.
- Staff did all of the research and presented the plan to the administration. Adding the coverage will make us more marketable as we grow.

Mr. Jeff Sawner motioned the Governing Board approve the payment of the EOHS staff dental plan. Second by Chris Rosner. Motion passed.

6. Discuss upcoming audit and related cost.

- Anthony DeLorenzo will conduct the audit. Cost of \$7,300 was approved in the school budget. He has a proven track record working with ADI Business Solutions.
- Cost of the audit will be reimbursed by the state but not for two more years.
- Audit is required by the state and will take place in May.

Item E.

1. Governing Board.

- Dr. Sawner thanked the Board Members for their participation.
- A Good Foundation has been established.
- The next six weeks are critical and focus needs to be in increasing student population.
- Agreement with Rio Salado Community College is coming along. Dr. Vernon Smith is positive about working with us. Students will be charge \$55 per credit hour for classes. Provides us with instant credibility as the Maricopa Community College District is the largest in the country.
- Work with Rio Salado Community College to produce Senior Math Course. Final would serve as pre-test for College Entrance Exam.
- Puts us ahead of the curve for race to the top.
- Teachers will apply and take a one credit certification class. Three of our current teachers have Masters Degrees and the 4th is working on it. One is already accredited to teach college level courses and the remaining three are will to go through the certification.
- Applied for Charter School Improvement Grant. \$230,000 over the next two years. Selections have been made but will not be announced until April 24, 2010.

2. Principal.

- Had twenty-eight students as of this morning and expect the number to climb to thirty-five by the time spring break is over.
- Nine students are identified as Special Education students and are in the process of updating Individual Education Plans (IEPs).
- Received a surprise visit from Arizona Department of Education Special Education personnel. They were happy that we had identified three new students.
- Extracurricular activities to help with student retention include participation in programs at the East Valley Institute of Technology, Rio Salado dual credit classes, GED transfer credit program, parent-student-teacher conferences, and parent-student surveys to be completed in May.
- Processes need to stay scalable but three tracks will make it easier.

3. David Reed

- Partnership with jail going well. One new graduate. Two former students going to college in Mexico, and one enrolling at the University of Phoenix nursing program. Twenty six passed at least one portion of the AIMS. Three of the four students passing all sections of the AIMS were ours.
- Nice data after one year.

4. Claudina Douglas, ADI Business Solutions

- State has not paid on 40th or 100th day counts.
- Push in using new cradle to grave ID number for students will allow monitoring to go from Attendance to Membership.
- Support a proposed bill to move to every 20 day counts or monthly counts.
- No payment in July 2010. This payment will be deferred to June 30, 2011.
- Will send Dr. Sawner summary based on 150 students.

Item G. Dr. Tom Sawner motioned the Governing Board approve the following consent agenda items. Second by Mr. Jeff Sawner. Motion passed.

1. Consider approving the previous minutes from the Governing Board Meeting of Wednesday, December 16, 2009.

Item H. Call to public.

No public present.

Item I. The next meeting date has been set for April 21, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Jeff Sawner motioned the board meeting be adjourned at 1:55 p.m. Second by Mr. Ken de Masi. Motion passed.

GOVERNING BOARD
EdOptions High School
By: Elizabeth Duncan, Assistant to the Governing Board