
AGENDA ITEM: Good Cause Extension Request – Ed Ahead

Issue

Ed Ahead was granted a charter on January 14, 2008 to serve grades K-5. As part of the application, the applicant agrees and signs a statement acknowledging the requirement to execute the charter contract within twelve months of the date of approval. On January 12, 2009, the Board granted Ed Ahead a Good Cause Extension until January 31, 2010.

As a condition to signing the charter contract, the charter must provide proof of a secured facility. Due to difficulty finding an appropriate facility, Ed Ahead is requesting another Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of the charter contract to begin providing services for the 2010-2011 school year.

If the Board approves the extension of the execution of the charter contract or an extension of the opening of the charter school, Board staff shall review the approved application and the current application administrative checklist to determine whether additions or substantive changes are necessary to bring the application current with policy, rule, state or federal law. The applicant must submit the requested changes to the Board staff 90 days prior to the opening of the school. State aid funding will not initiate until the Board staff have determined that the requested submission is complete and sufficient and all other requirements of the Board have been fulfilled.

[Policy Statement for a Good Cause Extension to the Charter Contract](#)

Communications with School

On December 11, 2009, the Board received a request for a Good Cause Extension for Ed Ahead.

Board Options

If the Board determines that the extension should be granted, the motion should include the length of time for the extension to sign the charter and a requirement that the approved applicant submit any documentation necessary to bring the application current with policy, rule, state or federal law at least 90 days prior to the signing of the contract.

1. Approve the Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of the charter contract for Ed Ahead until July 1, 2010 with a planned opening date of Fall 2010-2011 and that the applicant submit any documentation necessary to bring the application current with policy, rule, state or federal law at least 90 days prior to the signing of the contract.
2. Deny the request for a Good Cause Extension. If the request is denied, the applicant has the option to reapply for a charter through the application process.

Staff Recommendation

Staff's recommendation is option 1 above.