
AGENDA ITEM: Good Cause Extension Request – The Farm at Mission Montessori Academy, LLC

Issue

The Farm at Mission Montessori Academy, LLC was granted a charter on January 26, 2010 to serve grades 4 – 8 beginning in the 2010-11 school year. As part of the new application package, the approved applicant agrees and signs a statement acknowledging that they must execute the charter contract within twelve (12) months of the date of approval. As a condition to signing the charter contract, the approved applicant must provide proof of a secured facility. Due to difficulty finding an appropriate facility, The Farm at Mission Montessori Academy, LLC is requesting a Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of the charter contract to begin providing services for the 2012-13.

If the Board approves the extension of the execution of the charter contract or an extension of the opening of the charter school, in accordance with the Board's Policy Statement for a Good Cause Extension of a Charter Contract, Board staff shall review the approved new application package and the current application administrative checklist to determine whether additions or substantive changes are necessary to bring the new application package current with policy, rule, state or federal law. The approved applicant must submit the requested changes to the Board staff 90 days prior to the intended signing of the contract.

Board Options

1. Approve the Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of the charter contract for The Farm at Mission Montessori Academy, LLC such that the contract is executed in time for the 2012-13 school year. Further that, as a condition of signing, the approved applicant shall submit any documentation necessary to bring the new application package current with policy, rule, state or federal law at least 90 days prior to the signing of the contract. Should the approved applicant not meet the new application requirements at the time set for the signing of the contract, the matter must be brought back to the Board prior to the execution of a charter contract.
2. Deny the request for a Good Cause Extension. If the request is denied, the charter has the option to reapply for a charter through the new application process.

Staff Recommendation

Staff's recommendation is Option 1 above.

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Arizona Charter Board
1700 W. Washington Street, Room 164
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: One Time Good Cause Extension

Dear Members of the Arizona Charter Board,

Mission Montessori Academy is requesting a One Time Good Cause Extension for the execution of the The Farm at Mission Montessori Academy, LLC .

The current economic situation in Arizona, with the state budget cuts to education and the depressed real estate market, have made it difficult to find a facility that the school could afford for the opening of this new charter. After many failed attempts to locate appropriate real estate, we now find additional time is needed to continue our search.

We appreciate your consideration of our request for the One Time Good Cause Extension. If additional information is needed please contact me at 480-213-3321 or 480-860-4330.

Sincerely yours,



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Executive Director



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Vice President



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Secretary/Treasure