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INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Center for Academic Success Elementary School #5 (CTDS)
028750205

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 1843 Paseo San Luis

(City, State) Sierra Vista (Zip) 85635

(Charter Representative's Name) Vada Phelps

(Phone Number) 520-439-3542 (Fax Number) 520-417-9910

Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the Amendment Request being returned without being processed. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Please send originals.

✚ Changes in number of contractual days of instruction

Included is the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (minutes must comply with Open Meeting Law ARS §38-431.01)

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Center for Academic Success, Inc., (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: 180 instructional days

TO: 163 instructional days for the 2008-2009 calendar year (emergency, one-time only request).

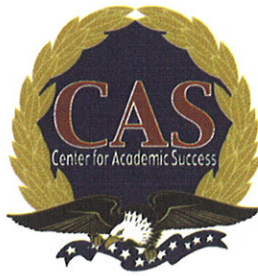
In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 15th day of September, 2008 and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this ___ day of ___, 200__ to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.

Vada Phelps

Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

9/10/07



September 15, 2008

Heather Kelly
Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
1700 W. Washington Street, Room 164
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Ms. Kelly:

Attached please find an Instructional Days Amendment Request submitted by the Center for Academic Success Elementary School #5, CTDS# 028750205. We are requesting an amendment to the number of instructional days the school will offer for the 2008-2009 school year **only**. The Center for Academic Success Elementary School was scheduled to begin school at its new campus in Sierra Vista on August 6, 2008. However, construction delays, caused primarily by an extraordinary amount of rainfall during this monsoon season, have caused us to delay opening school until September 15, 2008.

We are requesting a 2008-2009 school calendar consisting of 163 instructional days. Our daily schedule for each of these 163 instructional days will offer 6 hours and 35 minutes (395 minutes) of instructional time. This schedule—totaling 1073 hours—exceeds the required annual classroom instructional hours found in *ARS 15-901 A (b)*, which states the requirements of a full time instructional program for seventh and eighth grade students:

(i) In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least one thousand sixty-eight hours. Lunch periods and recess periods may not be included as part of the instructional hours...

Because *ARS 15-901 A(b)* states that seventh and eighth graders will receive the greatest number of hours in a full-time instructional program, it follows that all other grade levels served by our school will easily exceed the required number of hours specified in *ARS 15-901 A (b)*.

Our charter provides for our elementary school to operate on a 180 instructional day calendar. Our request for a one-time amendment to the number of instructional days required in a school year is supported by *ARS 15-341 B*, which states that

B. For the purposes of this section, “one hundred eighty days” means one hundred eighty days of instruction or an equivalent number of minutes of instruction per school year based on a different number of days of instruction approved by the school district governing board or charter school governing body.

Also attached please find the minutes from our Center for Academic Success, Inc. Board of Directors’ meeting approving this emergency, one-time amendment to the number of instructional days in the 2008-2009 calendar. Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 520-439-3542.

Sincerely,

Vada Phelps
Executive Director



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INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Center for Academic Success High School #1 (CTDS) 028750201

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 1843 Paseo San Luis

(City, State) Sierra Vista (Zip) 85635

(Charter Representative's Name) Vada Phelps

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Included is the following:

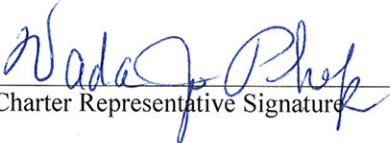
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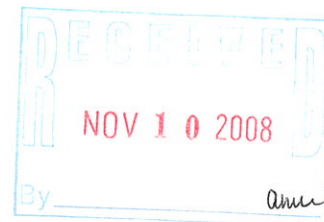
FROM: 144 instructional days

TO: 131 instructional days for the 2008-2009 calendar year (emergency, one-time only request).

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 15th day of September, 2008, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this ___ day of ___, 200___, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.


Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools



November 5, 2008

Ms. DeAnna Rowe
1700 W. Washington Street, Room 164
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Ms Rowe,

Thank you for your response to our request for an Alternative Calendar for the Center for academic Success High School #1, CTDS# 028750201. We are especially appreciative of you allowing a resubmission to be reconsidered upon receipt.

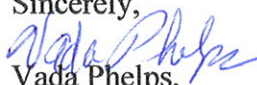
With regard to a "Full-time instructional program" as defined in ARS 15-901 A (c) (iv), our counsel's opinion is congruent with Attorney General Goddard's Opinion, which is verbatim with the actual statute:

"A full-time instructional program means an instructional program that meets at least a total of seven hundred twenty hours during the minimum number of days required and includes at least four subjects each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty-three hours a year, or the equivalent, or* one or more subjects taught in amounts of time totaling at least twenty hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days." (*emphasis added)

Regarding your request to clarify how the 720 hours of instruction will be met, the following explanation and instructional/bell schedule will demonstrate the school's provision of a full time instructional program as defined in ARS 15-901. While our class schedule consists of eight periods, no student is allowed to enroll in more than seven classes in a semester; nevertheless, our school is open to our students from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Therefore, our actual instructional day is well in excess of the required seven hundred twenty (720) hours, as evident from the following schedule:

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| 1 st) 8:00 a.m.—8:57 a.m. | 5 th) 12:30 p.m.—1:27 p.m. |
| 2 nd) 9:00 a.m.—9:57 a.m. | 6 th) 1:30 p.m.—2:27 p.m. |
| 3 rd) 10:00 a.m.—10:57 a.m. | 7 th) 2:30 p.m.—3:27 p.m. |
| 4 th) 11:00 a.m.—11:57 a.m. | 8 th) 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. |

Thank you for your assistance and for your commitment to our state's charter school movement.

Sincerely,

Vada Phelps,
Executive Director



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