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TO: Charter Applicants Requesting Acceleration Consideration

FROM: Dave Machado, Director
Office of Charter Schools

CHARTER SCHOOL ACCELERATION CONSIDERATION REQUEST

The lead applicant for your proposed school has indicated that the non-profit board of directors would like to be considered for an accelerated opening.

State Board of Education policy CHTR-013 stipulates that in order to be considered for acceleration, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Demonstrate a clear and compelling need for the accelerated planning year;
2. Demonstrate an exceptional need for the charter school in the proposed location;
3. Agree to participate in the planning year while the charter application is being reviewed without any guarantee of charter award; and
4. Demonstrate that there is a facility identified by the applicant that is feasible for opening on an accelerated schedule.

Applicants requesting acceleration must submit the request to the State Board via the online application portal prior to the application due date for consideration. Please see the acceleration request template. Acceleration consideration requests must be submitted through the online application portal.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Dr. Danielle Allen at danielle.allen@dpi.nc.gov or (919) 807-3493.

Respectfully,

Dave Machado, Director
Office of Charter Schools

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Enclosure

OFFICE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

[Insert Date]

[Insert Lead Applicant Name]

[Insert Lead Applicant Address]

[Insert Lead Applicant Phone Number]

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301 North Wilmington Street, Room 212
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Members of the North Carolina State Board of Education:

We, the board of directors for [Insert Name of Non-profit Organization Here], acknowledge that acceleration consideration requests must be submitted to the North Carolina State Board of Education prior to the September 28, 2018 application deadline, per SBE policy CHTR-013(II)(C). By initialing the statements below, our lead applicant affirms that the non-profit board is fully aware of the requirements for an accelerated planning year and the board's official request for an accelerated planning year.

_____ We understand the requirements outlined in CHTR-013 for applicants who would like to request an accelerated planning year.

_____ We acknowledge that the State Board, in its discretion, may accelerate the mandatory planning year to increase the number of high quality charter schools.

_____ We submit this letter as an official request acceleration consideration.

Respectfully,

[Insert Lead Applicant/Board Chair Signature Here]