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Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Emergency Meeting

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** ~ **12:30 PM**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**
 - A. **Office of Charter Schools** ~ TAL BAYER, NHED, Administrator, Office of Public Charter Schools
 1. Great Bay Charter School ~ charter amendment
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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RE: Great Bay Chartered Public School
Charter Amendment Request

Chairman Cline,

In response to the closure of Coastal Waters Chartered Public School located in Exeter, NH, Great Bay Charter located in Exeter, NH requests a modification to our charter approved on February 18, 2004, and renewed on January 13, 2022, to add 5th grade as an approved grade.

The sudden closure of Coastal Waters has created an immediate need for students to be placed for the remainder of the school year. Great Bay Charter School has received inquiries from families seeking a spot for their children into our school. Great Bay Charter School believes that it can accommodate the request of those families and has already enrolled children in the appropriate approved grade level. Currently, there is a request for 4 more children to enroll who are in 5th grade, which Great Bay's not currently approved to enroll per its Charter.

Great Bay has the capacity and approval for this increase in our physical space and our approved charter enrollment. In addition, we currently employ elementary level certified teaching staff that provide instruction in a multi-grade level classroom and have access to the appropriate curriculum and educational tools.

In order to accommodate these families and provide an immediate solution for these students, Great Bay Charter School is requesting an emergency authorization to amend our charter under Ed 318.12 (e) as follows:

- Amend Great Bay Charter School's approved charter to include 5th grade effective upon State Board of Education approval through the end of current 2023-2024 school year.

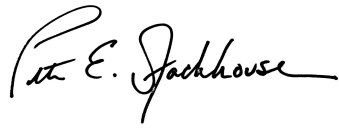
At this time we believe there is no impact on the following areas:

- Existing Students/Families
- Budget
- Goals (academic, program, organizational)
- Staffing
- Facilities

- Accountability Plan

We thank you for your time in reviewing this request.

Sincerely,



Peter Stackhouse, Executive Director



Cheryl York McDonough, Chair of the Board of Trustees