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Michael Williams
Commissioner

June 4, 2015

CDN: 057-803

Mrs. Ann Stevenson
Uplift Education - North Hills Preparatory
1825 Market Center Boulevard, Suite 500
Dallas, Texas 75207

Dear Mrs. Stevenson:

The commissioner has approved the following amendment request:

(094-15/1) UPLIFT EDUCATION - NORTH HILLS PREPARATORY (CDN: 057-803) to add a campus, to be located in East Dallas, (specific address to be determined), to serve students in prekindergarten three and four, effective July 1, 2015.

If the charter holder fails to open the new campus by the beginning of the 2015 school year, a non-expansion amendment must be filed, no later than August 1, 2015, with the Division of Charter School Administration requesting a one-year postponement. Note that the agency's approval of the postponed campus will become null and void should the charter holder fail to open the campus by August 1, 2016.

The approval of a new campus is contingent upon the receipt of a certificate of occupancy (COO), or equivalent certificate, appropriate for the proposed use of the facility. Please submit the COO, or equivalent certificate, for the new facility to the Division of Charter School Administration prior to serving students. Failure to provide the COO, or appropriate certificate, prior to serving students may result in funding being denied or reclaimed.

If you have any questions, please contact Drue Ann Wise in the Division of Charter School Administration by phone at (512) 463-9575 or by email at drueann.wise@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Mauzé".

Heather Mauzé, Director
Division of Charter School Administration

Due 4/3/15

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Charter Amendment Request Form - ADDITIONAL SITE EXPANSION

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COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH SITE REQUESTED.

Uplift Education - North Hills

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Name of Charter School

County-District Number

Requested effective date: July 1 This should be July 1 unless specific circumstances warrant the request of a different date.

Be advised that any approval by the commissioner will be conditional on the receipt of a valid certificate of occupancy, or equivalent certificate, showing that the proposed facility is approved for school use.

Address: East Dallas, specific address to be determinedIs the proposed site within the currently approved geographic boundary of the charter? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, complete and submit a Charter Amendment Request Form - GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY EXPANSION.

Is the proposed site a residential facility (RF)? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf so, complete and submit the form titled *Assurances Regarding Charter Schools Serving Students at Residential Facilities*.If the amendment is approved, what is the minimum number of instructional hours per day to be provided students at this site? 3 1/2If the amendment is approved, what grade levels will be served at the new site? Pre-K 3-4If the amendment is approved, is a new campus number requested? ☒ Yes ☐ NoIf yes, will this campus be evaluated under traditional accountability procedures? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, requests for campuses to be evaluated using alternative accountability procedures must respond to #8 on the checklist below.

If no, to which campus number will the new site be assigned? _____

If the amendment is approved and a new campus number is requested, what is the proposed name of the new campus?

To be determinedIf the amendment is approved and a new campus number is requested, should mail be sent to the campus? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional Site Expansion Amendment Checklist

The following must be submitted in the order listed below with an additional site expansion amendment request:

☒ 1. Charter Amendment Request Form - ADDITIONAL SITE EXPANSION☒ (If multiple amendment requests are being made, include all request forms together.)☒ 2. Charter holder board resolution - A written resolution adopted by the governing body of the charter holder and signed by the members voting in favor of amending the charter must be submitted. A quorum of the members must have voted in favor of amending the charter. Include printed names as well as signatures of the board members. The names should match information on the most recent Annual Governance Reporting Forms submitted to TEA. Otherwise, documentation explaining any differences must be included.☒ (If multiple amendment requests are being made, include all board resolutions together.)☒ 3. A list, in alphabetical order, of the school districts in the approved geographic boundary that may be impacted should the commissioner approve the amendment request.☒ 4. Evidence, in alphabetical order by district, that impact statements have been sent to each school district that may be affected by the expansion.☒ 5. A valid certificate of occupancy, or equivalent certificate, showing that the proposed facility is approved for school use OR if the specific location is not identified at the time of the amendment request, a signed statement that the certificate of occupancy, or equivalent certificate, will be submitted to the Division of Charter School Administration prior to commencing any operations at that site as required by 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §100.1215.☒ 6. Compliance information as required 19 TAC §100.1035 to include the following:

- Documentation that identifies a board member's substantial interest in a business entity or in real property that relates to any charter business;
- Documentation of board members' abstentions from voting in cases of potential conflicts of interest;
- Documents, other than Annual Governance Reporting Forms, identifying family members within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity who serve as board members and/or employees and/or contractors of the charter holder or charter school; and
- Documentation that board members or employees whose criminal history checks revealed them ineligible to serve were removed from service as is required by Texas Education Code §12.120;

OR

- A signed statement attesting that within the last three years there have been no instances of nepotism, conflicts of interest, or revelations in criminal history checks that deemed any board member or employee ineligible to serve.

☒ 7. A completed form titled *Assurances Regarding Charter Schools Serving Students at Residential Facilities*, if appropriate☒ 8. If the charter holder board plans on requesting that the new campus be evaluated using AEA procedures, explain specifically how this campus will qualify for at-risk designation and why this proposed campus should be rated in the AEA system.

As the CEO/superintendent of the charter school, I understand that an expansion amendment is not a right or entitlement and that in determining if a change in the contract for charter is appropriate, the commissioner of education will review and consider specific issues including, but not limited to, charter performance data (e.g., accountability ratings, FIRST ratings, accreditation statuses, and underlying data) and compliance. I also understand that prior to approving an expansion amendment request, staff in the following divisions and program areas will be consulted to determine if any potential problems or concerns exist with the charter holder or charter school: Performance Reporting, Charter School Administration, Child Nutrition, Financial Audits, Grants Administration, Legal Services, PEIMS Data Reporting, Program Monitoring and Interventions, NCLB and IDEA Programs, Student Assessment, Governance and Walvers, General Inquiries, and Complaints.

I further understand that incomplete submissions will not be processed and that there will be a delay in processing submissions that are not submitted in the correct order.

Signature of Charter School CEO/Superintendent

Yasmin Bhatia, CEO

Printed Name of Charter School CEO/Superintendent

469-621-8500

Phone Number

12/9/14

Date

y.bhatia@uplifteducation.org

Email Address

Consent to agreement w/ mi Esmerita

Rec'd 12-19-14 [Signature]

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**RESOLUTION TO AMEND CHARTER TO ADD SITE/CAMPUS
TO EXISTING CHARTER**

Peak - PreK Expansion

WHEREAS, Uplift Education, a Texas nonprofit corporation ("Uplift"), is currently the charter holder for Uplift Education - North Hills Preparatory School ("North Hills"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Uplift has considered a business plan for the expansion of enrollment under the North Hills charter, including the opening of an additional site under the charter and the related costs as well as funding opportunities, along with the other business plan elements required by the Texas Education Agency; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the above, the Board has determined that it is the best interest of Uplift to request an amendment to the North Hills charter for approval of an additional site in east Dallas to offer a prekindergarten program to take advantage of opportunities that have arisen for Uplift in connection with its mission and goals.

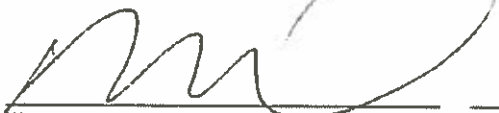
Therefore, it is


RESOLVED, that the charter of North Hills be amended to authorize a new site/campus to be located in east Dallas, Texas, offering a prekindergarten program for 3-5 years with the specific address to be confirmed;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Commissioner of Education is authorized to amend the North Hills charter set forth in the foregoing requested amendment, as finally negotiated between the parties; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chief Executive Officer and other officers of Uplift be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to file the amendment referenced above, and to take such actions as are necessary or desirable to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

Approved:


Tony Dona


Melissa McNeil

Expansion - PreK - East Dallas

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