

May 3, 2016

CDN: 057-803

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

Dear Mrs. Stevenson:

The commissioner has approved the following amendment requests:

(131-16/2) UPLIFT EDUCATION to increase the charter's maximum student enrollment from 16,000 to 24,000, effective July 1, 2016;

(131-16/1) UPLIFT EDUCATION to add a campus, to be located at Camp Wisdom Road and I 35, Dallas, Texas, name to be determined, to serve students in grades six (6) through twelve (12), effective July 1, 2017; and

(131-16/3) UPLIFT EDUCATION to add a campus, to be located at Ferguson Road and I 30, Dallas, Texas, name to be determined, to serve students in prekindergarten through grade five (5), effective July 1, 2017.

If the charter holder fails to open one or both of the new campuses listed above by the beginning of the 2016 school year, a non-expansion amendment must be filed, no later than August 1, 2016, with the Division of Charter School Administration requesting a one-year postponement. Note that the agency's approval of the postponed campus(es) will become null and void should the charter holder fail to open the campus(es) by August 1, 2017.

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 COOs, or equivalent certificates, for the new facilities to the Division of Charter School Administration prior to serving students. Failure to provide the COOs, or appropriate certificates, may result in funding being denied or reclaimed.

(132-16/1) UPLIFT EDUCATION to add a campus, to be located at 122 Northeast 2nd Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75051, to be called Uplift Grand Secondary, to serve students in grades six (6) through twelve (12), effective July 1, 2016;

(132-16/2) UPLIFT EDUCATION to add a campus, to be located at 2625 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 76226, to be called Uplift Luna High School, to serve students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12), effective July 1, 2016;

(132-16/3) UPLIFT EDUCATION to add a campus, to be located at 3700 Mighty Mite Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76105, to be called Uplift Mighty Middle School, to serve students in grades six (6) through eight (8) effective July 1, 2016;

(132-16/4) UPLIFT EDUCATION to add a campus, to be located at 3700 Mighty Mite Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76105, to be called Uplift Mighty High School, to serve students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) effective July 1, 2016; and

(132-16/5) UPLIFT EDUCATION to add a campus, to be located at 1401 South MacArthur Boulevard, Irving, Texas 75060, to be called Uplift Infinity High School, to serve students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12), effective July 1, 2016.

The approval of the campuses listed above is solely for the purpose of acquiring additional campus numbers in order to separate existing campuses for reporting and accountability purposes.

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](mailto:drueann.wise@tea.texas.gov).

Sincerely,



Heather Mauzé, Director  
Division of Charter School Administration



## Expansion Amendment Request Form

# 131-1611-2  
Due: 5/26/16

Name of Charter: Uplift Education  
Name of Charter Holder: Uplift Education

County-District Number: 057803  
Requested Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Campus 2017

Expansion amendments may be approved only if applicants meet all expansion criteria as indicated in 19 TAC §100.1033.

### Section I: Requested Expansion: Check the appropriate box(es) for the expansion requested.

- # 131-1611
- ☒ 1. ADD ADDITIONAL CAMPUS (Complete responses under #1 below and continue to Section II.)
- ☐ 2. ADD ADDITIONAL GRADE LEVELS (Complete responses under #2 below and continue to Section II.)
- ☐ 3. EXPAND GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY (Complete responses under #3 below and continue to Section II.)
- ☒ 4. INCREASE MAXIMUM STUDENT ENROLLMENT (Complete responses under #4 below and continue to Section II.)

#### 1. Add an Additional Campus: Submit one form for each additional campus requested.

Must meet the following criteria: The charter holder has operated in Texas for a minimum of three consecutive years and the charter holds "Accredited" status on the most recent rating.

\*A certificate of occupancy with an "E" occupant code or a statement that an appropriate certificate of occupancy will be obtained prior to serving students must be submitted with the amendment request.

- a. Is the proposed campus within the currently approved geographic boundary of the charter? If no, check the GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY EXPANSION box in #3 above. Yes
- b. What is the proposed address of the requested campus? Camp Wisdom Rd & I-35, Dallas, TX
- \*Approval of the requested campus does not imply TEA approval of the proposed address.
- c. What is the estimated number of students to be served at the proposed campus? 1000
- d. What is the estimated number of students to be served in tested grades at the proposed campus? 300-Yr 1
- e. Is the proposed campus a residential facility? No
- (If yes, attach RF assurances form found on the charter amendments webpage.)
- f. What is the minimum number of instructional minutes per day at the proposed campus? 420
- g. What grade levels will be served at the proposed campus? 6-12
- h. If the amendment is approved, is a new campus number requested? Yes
- If no, to which campus number will the new site be assigned?
- i. If a new campus number is requested, will this campus be evaluated under standard accountability measures? Yes
- If no, submit an explanation as to how the campus will qualify for evaluation under alternative education accountability (AEA) measures. (Must meet AEA criteria and apply during AEA registraion period.)
- j. If a new campus number is requested, what is the proposed name of the new campus?  
Uplift Pinnacle Secondary (tentative)
- k. If a new campus number is requested, should mail be sent to the campus? No
- l. Is the proposed campus to be considered under the "Expedited Campus" expansion? No

(If yes, attach evidence that impact statements have been sent to each member of the legislature that represents the geographic area to be served by the proposed "Expedited Campus." See #3 on Section III Checklist.)

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### 2. Add Additional Grade Levels:

- a. Current approved grade levels:
- b. Grade Levels requested:
- c. Campuses to serve the proposed grade levels:
- d. Estimated number of students to be served in grades that will be evaluated under the accountability rating system:
- e. Estimated percentage of students, including the grade levels to be added, that will be evaluated under the accountability rating system?
- f. Minimum number of instructional minutes per day to be provided?

❖ *Attach an education plan to include a scope and sequence and specific curriculum to be taught for the additional grade levels (emphasis on tested grades).*

### 3. Expand Geographic Boundary: List, in alphabetical order, the proposed school districts (ISDs) to be added.

### 4. Increase Maximum Student Enrollment:

- a. Current approved maximum enrollment:
- b. Requested maximum enrollment:

*(Only one maximum student enrollment increase is allowed during each calendar year. If requested, a business plan must be submitted to TEA within 10 business days. See business plan components on the charter amendments webpage.)*

### Section II: Justification for Expansion Amendment Request: State justification for the expansion request below.

The additional site, planned to open in August 2017, is needed to meet demand for a secondary campus for Uplift students currently attending Uplift Pinnacle Primary as well as demand from families on waiting lists at other schools. This additional site is part of the strategic plan adopted by the Uplift board to add schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and is consistent with Uplift's business plan. The current growth of existing schools will exceed the current approved maximum enrollment by the 2017-2018 school year.

With respect to question 1.d above about number of students in tested grades at the new site, this school will open with grades 6 & 7, which are both tested grades, and will add grades each year until reach full capacity. As the school grows, the number of students in tested grades will increase.

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### **Section III: Expansion Amendment Request Form Checklist. Include for all Expansion Amendment Requests**

- ☒ **1. Charter Holder Board Resolution** – A written resolution adopted by the governing body of the charter holder, with printed names and signatures demonstrating that a quorum of the members voted in favor of amending the charter. The board resolution should include a statement indicating that the charter holder governing body has considered a business plan and has determined by majority vote of the board that the growth proposed is prudent. *(Names should match information on the most recent Annual Governance Reporting Forms submitted to TEA. If multiple amendment requests are being made, include all board resolutions together.)*
  - ☒ **2. Districts Affected**—A list, in alphabetical order, of all the school districts in the approved geographic boundary that may be impacted should the commissioner approve the amendment request. (Not needed for geographic boundary expansion.)
  - ☒ **3. Impact Statements**—Evidence, in alphabetical order by district, that impact statements have been sent to each school district that may be affected by the expansion. *(If applying for a Quality Campus expansion, attach evidence that impact statements have been sent to each member of the legislature that represents the geographic area to be served by the proposed "Quality Campus.")*
  - ☒ **4. Compliance information**—As required by 19 Texas Administrative Code §100.1035 to include the following:
    - Documentation identifying 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;
    - Documentation, 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 deemed them ineligible to serve were removed from service;

**OR**

  - A signed statement attesting that within the last three (3) 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.
- ☒ **5. Business Plan**—If requested, a business plan must be submitted to TEA within 10 business days. *(See business plan components on the Charter Amendments webpage.)*
- ☒ **6. By-laws and Articles of Incorporation**— Must be current and on file with the agency.

### **Section IV: Charter School CEO/superintendent acknowledgement, signature, and current contact information.**

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 information. 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 Waivers, General Inquiries, and Complaints.

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I further understand that incomplete submissions may cause a delay in processing until all required documentation has been received by the Division of Charter School Administration and that the amendment request is not considered complete until such time.

(Contact the Division of Charter School Administration at [charteramendments@tea.texas.gov](mailto:charteramendments@tea.texas.gov) to confirm the submission of proper documentation. Include the charter name and CDN in the subject line.)

Ann Stevenson/Superintendent

Name of CEO/Superintendent

469-621-8500

Phone Number

[astevenson@uplifteducation.org](mailto:astevenson@uplifteducation.org)

Email Address

Ann Stevenson

Digitally signed by Ann Stevenson  
DN: cn=Ann Stevenson, o=Uplift Education,  
ou=Administration,  
email=astevenson@uplifteducation.org, c=US  
Date: 2016.03.25 14:03:47 -0500

Signature of CEO/Superintendent

March 28, 2016

Date

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

WHEREAS, Uplift Education, a Texas nonprofit corporation ("Uplift"), is currently the charter holder for Uplift Education (CDN 057803); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Uplift has considered a business plan for the expansion of enrollment under the Uplift Education 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 Uplift Education charter for approval of an additional site in east Dallas 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 Uplift Education be amended to authorize a new site/campus to be located in east Dallas, Texas, with the specific address to be confirmed, and to authorize this new site/campus for the 2017-2018 school year;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Commissioner of Education is authorized to amend the Uplift Education 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:

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Tony Dona

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Melissa McNeil

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Expansion - New Site - East Dallas

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Josh Terry ✓

Donell Wiggins

Dustin Marshall

Ryan Moss

Randall S. Ray ✓

Richard Frapart ✓

Date: 12-1-15

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