

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

Requested Effective Date: July 1, 2016

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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.

For reporting and accountability purposes, requesting an additional campus number to divide grades 6-12 into a separate campus number from the K-5. Currently have one campus number for the K-12 campus. The addition of another campus number will simplify reporting and ratings for the school.

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## Expansion Amendment Request Form

Texas Education Agency

Phone: (512) 463-9575

Division of Charter School Administration

Email: [charteramendments@tea.texas.gov](mailto:charteramendments@tea.texas.gov)

### **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)

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Signature of CEO/Superintendent

March 30, 2016

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**RESOLUTION TO AMEND CHARTER AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL  
CAMPUS NUMBERS**

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

WHEREAS, certain Uplift schools have one TEA assigned campus number for the entire campus or have one campus number for the middle and high school campuses; and

WHEREAS, the executive team has recommended to the Board that these schools be divided in separate campus numbers for the purposes of reporting and accountability ratings; and

WHEREAS, the Uplift schools affected by this recommendation have been set out on the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, after considering the recommendation, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of Uplift to request the additional campus numbers to establish more than one campus number for schools with grades 6 through 12.

Therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that the recommendation to divide existing schools for the purposes of reporting and accountability and to request campus numbers for Uplift secondary schools as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto be, and it is hereby, approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chief Executive Officer and other officers of Uplift are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary or desirable to carry out the foregoing resolution, including the filing of any amendment or documentation with the Texas Education Agency.

Approved:

  
Tony Dona

  
Melissa McNeil

  
Donell Wiggins

  
Josh Perry

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Campus Numbers – Secondary Schools

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Date: 3-29-14

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