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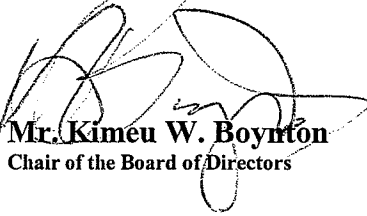
APPLICATION TO THE

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO

MODIFY THE CHARTER OF AN APPROVED CHARTER SCHOOL

ACADEMY OF DOVER

Name of School



Mr. Kimeu W. Boynton
Chair of the Board of Directors

104 Saulsbury Rd., Dover, DE 19904
Mailing Address of the Chair of the Board of Directors

September 2003
Opening Date

302-264-1625
Telephone Number of the Chair of the Board

K-4
Current Grades for the School

302-674-3894
Fax Number of the Chair of the Board of Directors

Note: If this application to modify a charter is approved by the department of Education with the consent of the State Board of Education, with or without conditions or amendments, the final approved modification and any amendment and conditions placed on the charter at the time of approval will become incorporated into the school's charter.

**APPLICATION TO MODIFY THE CHARTER
OF THE ACADEMY OF DOVER CHARTER SCHOOL**

SUBMITTED: January 2, 2013

1.
 - a. **On page 2, of the modification of our charter approved on February 16, 2012 of 83, titled Enrollment:**

One additional grade will be added through year two (K-5), for a total of 300 students, creating no change to the existing chartered approved number of students of 300.

Is being proposed to read:

One additional grade will be added through year two (K-5), for a total of 300 students. The proposed distribution of students by grade level is as follows:

Grade	Number
K	68
1	66
2	53
3	53
4	40
5	20

2. **The proposed changes include adding a 5th grade, serving K-5 after the conclusion of year one and keeping the number of students enrolled at 300.**
3. **The following are reasons for the request:**
 - a. **Our current school configuration of K-4 does not serve as a, “natural feeder” to schools that have traditional middle school grade configurations (grades 6-8). This issue causes the Academy of Dover**

to lose students every year, as parents wish to minimize the number of new school transitions their children are exposed to.

- b. Over the last four years the Academy of Dover has had significant academic success and growth, but it has hampered out students' progress in middle school due to the changes imposed on our fourth graders having to attend 5th grade at another school with different curriculum practices. By allowing AOD to have a 5th grade, students will be assured a consistent Elementary Academic Experience, increase their chances of having a smooth transition into middle school.
 - c. Over the course of the last 5 years, there has been an outpour of request by Academy of Dover Parents to add 5th grade.
4. The proposed modifications will greatly enhance the school's ability to meet the Communities needs, while providing a quality educational experience for students. The proposal will also insure that the Academy of Dover's enrollment offers financial stability to the school.