

The Delaware Met

April 28, 2014

Minor Modification Request Application

Start Date/One Time Delay

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II. Section A: Core Questions

1. What modification does the school's Board of Directors wish to make to the term(s) of the charter? Identify the page number(s) on which the term(s) is/are stated in the currently approved charter.

The Board of Directors of The Delaware Met is requesting a one-time delay of the opening of the school. The charter identifies the 2014-2015 school year as the opening date on page 2 of the school proposal overview and enrollment projection. The Board is requesting that the school now open for the 2015-2016 school year.

2. What is the effective date of the proposed modification?

The effective date of this proposed modification is April 28, 2014.

3. The authorizer will review your most recent Performance Review Reports as part of your application. Discuss the school's academic performance, its compliance with the terms of its charter, and its financial viability as measured by the Performance Framework.

N/A

4. Describe the rationale for the request(s). Discuss any relevant research-based or evidence that supports this type of request. (*Attachments may be provided.*)

The school's enrollment was below the 80% threshold for the April 1st deadline, due in part to the lack of access to our school facility. A delay in opening will provide us with the time to meet our enrollment targets and also to obtain and complete our facility renovations well in advance of the school opening. We will resume our recruitment efforts immediately.

5. Describe how the proposed modification will impact the operation of the school. Include how student achievement, staffing, facilities, and the financial viability of the school may be impacted in the current school year and for the remainder of the school's charter term.

During the 2014-2015 school year the school will utilize a second planning year to ensure everything is in place for the 2015-2016 school year. The facility will be secured and access will be ensured much earlier during the 'school choice' recruiting time frame, so the community and potential family members can see the facility for themselves and better understand the mission of the school. This modification will allow us to increase our enrollment and maintain a strong financial base for the future.

6. Indicate the projected impact, if any, of the proposed modification on the school's present financial position, and its financial position going forward. If the modification promises to create financial challenges, indicate how those will be remedied.

The enrollment approved in the school's charter and the school's projected budget and revenue documents are not expected to be impacted by this minor modification request. An additional planning year, will give us the time needed to increase our enrollment and maintain our financial viability.