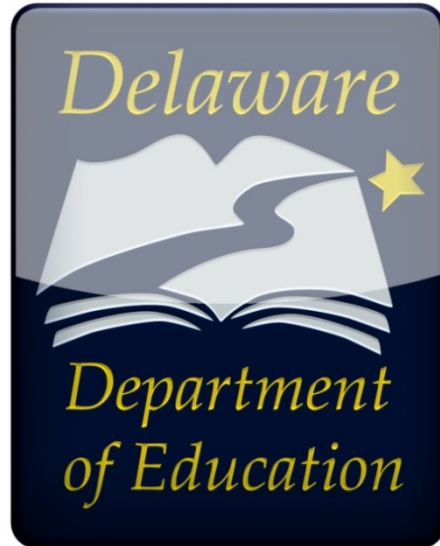


**CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

**DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



**Delaware Design-Lab High School**

**MAJOR MODIFICATION APPLICATION  
FINAL REPORT**

CSAC Final Meeting: March 30, 2015  
CSAC Final Report Published: April 2, 2015

By March 1, 2015, Delaware Design-Lab High School submitted an application for a major modification of its charter.

The following were in attendance at the Final Meeting of the CSAC on March 30, 2015:

**Voting Committee Members of the Charter School Accountability Committee**

- David Blowman, Chairperson of the Charter School Accountability Committee and Deputy Secretary of Education, DDOE
- Karen Field Rogers, Associate Secretary, Financial Reform and Resource Management, DDOE
- April McCrae, Education Associate, Science Assessment and STEM, DDOE
- Atnre Alleyne, Director of Talent Management, Leadership and Educator Effectiveness, Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Unit (TLEU), DDOE

**Staff to the Committee (Non-voting)**

- Ilona Kirshon, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Committee
- Jennifer Nagourney, Executive Director, Charter School Office, DDOE, attending and participating by telephone
- Brook Hughes, Education Associate, Financial Reform and Resource Management, DDOE
- John Carwell, Education Associate, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Michelle Whalen, Education Associate, Charter School Office, DDOE

**Representatives of Delaware Design-Lab High School**

- Cristina Alvarez, Ed.D., Chief Executive Officer, attending and participating by telephone

**Discussion**

The following issues were discussed:

- Total number of enrollment applications to date – The school stated that as of March 30<sup>th</sup>, a total of 109 students had accepted its enrollment invitation and had been entered in the Unit Count system.
- Additional students expected to be enrolled by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline – The school stated that a maximum of ten additional students are expected by April 1<sup>st</sup>, which would bring the total to 119 students.
- Recruitment plans to meet 80% enrollment (240 students) – The school plans to continue open houses and send another mailing to families.
- Expected enrollment by May 1<sup>st</sup> – The school stated that its goal is to recruit an additional 75-100 students. The school acknowledged that an additional 75-100 students would still be below the statutory requirement that “[o]n or before April 1 of each school year, a charter school shall have enrolled, at a minimum, 80% of its total authorized number of students ...” [14 Del. C. § 506 (c)(1)].

## Conclusion

Mr. Blowman asked voting members of CSAC whether there was any additional information that it required to inform its decision-making.

- None stated.

The CSAC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the school's major modification request.

## Next Steps:

- The CSAC Final Report will be issued no later than April 2, 2015.
- A second and final public hearing will be held on April 7, 2015, in the 2nd floor Auditorium of the Carvel State Office Building in Wilmington, DE.
- The public comment period ends on April 10, 2015.
- The Secretary will announce his decision at the April 16, 2015 State Board of Education meeting.