



**Minor Modification Request  
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## Section A Core Questions:

1. What modification does the school's Board of Directors want 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. If the term(s) of the charter the school wants to modify is/are conditions placed on the charter by the Secretary of Education and members of the State Board of Education, state the condition(s) and the date(s) on which the condition(s) was/were placed on the school's charter.

We seek to change the name of our current charter, Family Foundations Academy, to Charter School of New Castle. The formal corporate name will be Charter School of New Castle, Inc.

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

We intend to formally change the corporate name when the Department of Education approves and we intend to market the coming new name in connection with our student recruiting for 2017-2018. However, we believe it will be desirable to continue operating under the Family Foundations name, until July 1, 2017 (the start of our fiscal year), vis-à-vis the Department as far as reports to the Department and how the Department reflects our name on its website and otherwise in its records.

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

The School has had a strong academic history over its tenure. Recently we have seen a decline in success in our scores on the SBAC. We have brought in new leadership at our schools and have also begun to target our approach on the needs of students. Much of the data is promising as we are looking to see growth in all tested areas this year.

Financially we have met every target this past year. This is due to the strong and necessary changes we made in the leadership as well as operational changes we made at the School.

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

There have been many changes in the last two years for Family Foundations. These changes have included new leadership, new curriculum and a new focus for our future. With all of these changes we have been focusing on the impact we wish to have in New Castle County as well as the city of New Castle. We are deeply committed to seeing the children of New Castle actualize into adults that make a deep and positive impact on our future. We want our name to reflect our focus on our community.

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

The name change will not result in any change in the daily operation of the school. We intend that there will be a new emphasis on serving the New Castle community and we expect that our image in the community will be enhanced. We believe that the change in the name will also cause our families, staff and students to focus on how we want our students to be prepared for obtaining an excellent education and committing to impact our community.

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 only financial impact we see from the name change is that we will need to change our logo and our banners and rugs. We have priced the overall name change at under \$4,000. In addition we do expect to spend up to an additional \$15,000 on marketing of our school which would be aimed at informing the community about our program. All of the costs are within our budget and offer no financial challenges to our school.