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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** STEVE GODOWSKY  
**FROM:** DAVID BLOWMAN  
**SUBJECT:** MINOR MODIFICATION: AGREEMENT CHANGE  
**DATE:** AUGUST 11, 2016  
**CC:** DENISE STOUFFER

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On July 27, 2016 First State Military Academy (FSMA) Charter School submitted a minor modification request to alter the school's agreement with its charter management organization (CMO) Innovative Schools in order to reduce expenses for the school. This modification falls within the range for a "minor modification," as defined by 14 DE Admin. Code 275.9.9.1.

In accordance with section 9.9.7:

Decisions for minor modifications to a charter may be decided by the Secretary within 30 working days from the date the application was filed, unless the timeline is waived by mutual agreement of the Secretary and the applicant, or in any case where the Secretary, in the sole discretion of the Secretary, deems that it would be beneficial to either refer the matter to the Accountability Committee or to seek advice from the State Board prior to deciding the matter

As the Chair of the Charter School Accountability Committee, I am requesting your approval on this minor modification.


Signed,



~~David Blowman~~

Associate Secretary,  
Financial Management and Operations

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary Steven H. Godowsky



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August 11, 2016

Mr. Scott Kidner  
Board President  
First State Military Academy  
355 W. Duck Creek Road  
Clayton, DE 19938

Dear Mr. Kidner:

I am pleased to inform you that the minor modification request submitted by First State Military Academy to alter the school's agreement with its charter management organization (CMO) Innovative Schools, has been approved. This modification falls within the range for a "minor modification," as defined by 14 DE Admin. Code 275.9.9.1. Specifically, your school has been approved to alter its agreement with Innovative Schools while maintaining this organization as its CMO to reduce expenses to the school.

If you should have any questions or concerns about this minor modification approval, please contact Denise Stouffer at (302) 735-4020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Blowman", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

David Blowman  
Associate Secretary,  
Financial Management and Operations

cc: Patrick Gallucci, Head of School, First State Military Academy  
Denise Stouffer, Education Specialist, Charter School Office, Delaware Department  
of Education