
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

On July 27, 2016 First State Military Academy (FSMA) Charter School submitted a minor modification request to revert back to the Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) from the alternative educator evaluation system that FSMA was approved to adopt last year. 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
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Clayton, DE 19938

Dear Mr. Kidner:

I am pleased to inform you that the modification request submitted by First State Military Academy to amend its educator evaluation process 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 revert back to the Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) from the alternative educator evaluation system that FSMA was approved to adopt last year.

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 long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Blowman
Associate Secretary,
Financial Management and Operations

cc: Patrick Gallucci, Head of School, First State Military Academy
Angeline W Rivello, Associate Secretary, Teacher Leader Effectiveness Branch,
Delaware Department of Education
Denise Stouffer, Education Specialist, Charter School Office, Delaware Department
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