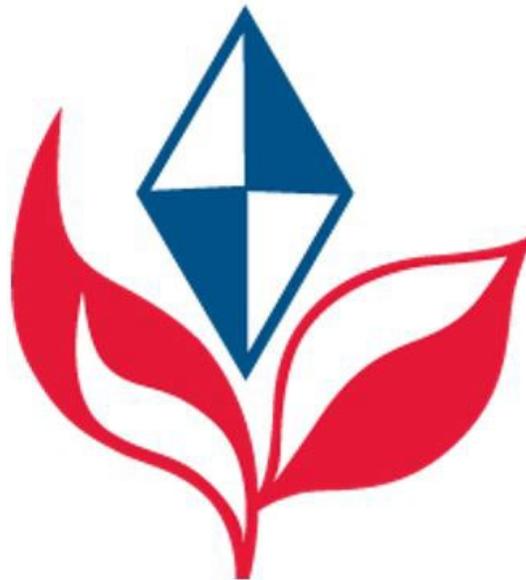


**NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL
REQUEST FOR A MINOR MODIFICATION
AUGUST 20, 2021**



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Table 1

Type of modification	Minor Modification	Major Modification	Application Deadline	Charter School Accountability Committee Required
Enrollment change (increase or decrease) between 5 and 15%	X		Applications only accepted between November 1 st and December 31 st	
Enrollment change (increase or decrease) of greater than 15%		X	Applications only accepted between November 1 st and December 31 st	X
Grade configuration (adding grade levels or reducing grade levels)		X	Recommended: March 1 st	X
Educational Program (i.e. curriculum)		X	Recommended: March 1 st	X
Mission (includes At-Risk designation)		X	Recommended: March 1 st	X
Replace, remove, or add EMO/CMO, or transfer of authorizer		X	Recommended: March 1 st	X
Change agreement with EMO/CMO	X		None	
Enrollment preferences		X	Recommended: March 1 st	X
Location change		X	Recommended: March 1 st	X
Goals for student performance		X	Recommended: March 1 st	X
Performance Agreement		X	None	
Start date (one-time) delay	X		None	
Name of charter school	X		None	
Existing or planned school facilities or structures (including any plan to use temporary or modular structures)	X		None	
Change in terms to current site facility arrangement (i.e. lease to purchase)	X		None	
Educator Evaluation Process	X		None	
A change to the current authorized number of hours, either daily or annually, devoted to actual school sessions.	X		None	

CHARTER SCHOOL MODIFICATION APPLICATION QUESTIONS

There are core questions that must be answered by the applicant, regardless of whether the modification is considered a minor or major modification. Additional questions are determined by the specific nature of the request, for example expansion or reduction by more than 15%, change of name, change of location, etc. Please provide clear, complete, and accurate information in response to each question.

Please indicate the type(s) of modification(s) you are requesting by checking all applicable boxes below:

Table 2

Minor Modification (Section A Only)		Major Modification (Section A <u>AND</u> additional questions identified below)	
	Enrollment change (increase or decrease) between 5 and 15%		Performance Agreement Section A only
	Change agreement with EMO/CMO		Enrollment change (increase or decrease) of greater than 15% Section B
	Start date (one-time) delay		Grade configuration (adding grade levels or reducing grade levels) Section C
	Name of charter school		Educational Program (i.e. curriculum) Section D
X	Existing or planned school facilities or structures (including any plan to use temporary or modular structures)		Mission (includes At-Risk designation) Section E
	Change in terms to current site facility arrangement (i.e. lease to purchase)		Replace, remove, or add EMO/CMO, or transfer of authorizer Section F
	Educator Evaluation Process		Enrollment preferences Section G
	A change to the current authorized number of hours, either daily or annually, devoted to actual school sessions.		Location change Section H
	Other		Goals for student performance Section I

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.

Newark Charter School is requesting a minor modification to enhance the athletic facilities and construct an auditorium on the existing High School property. The project will consist of construction of a running track, turf playing field, practice field, second gym and other athletic support facilities as well as an auditorium facility near the arts wing of the high school building. The enhanced facilities will service the entire Newark Charter community.

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

With preliminary planning underway, once approved, the Board of Directors anticipates the construction of the facilities will commence in early 2022.

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.

As reflected in all Performance Framework documents and other rubrics, Newark Charter School meets or exceeds all Academic, Financial and Organizational measures and has done so consistently throughout its history. The school has been named a National Blue Ribbon School twice in the last ten years and Best High Schools Nationally multiple times by US News and World Reports. Newark Charter School's original charter was approved in 2000 and its charter has been renewed four times.

The last renewal was approved in 2018 for a 10-year period. The school is currently actively chartered through June 30, 2029.

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)*

As the school continues to expand based on its approved enrollment plan, we have made enhancements to our athletic and play fields at the Meece campus, but are in need of facility enhancements to serve the High school and overall NCS populations with a running track, play and practice fields appropriate for our DIAA athletics program, and other facilities deemed necessary as well as an auditorium facility that will enhance our instructional and performing arts in the areas of music, theater and other educational and entertainment presentations.

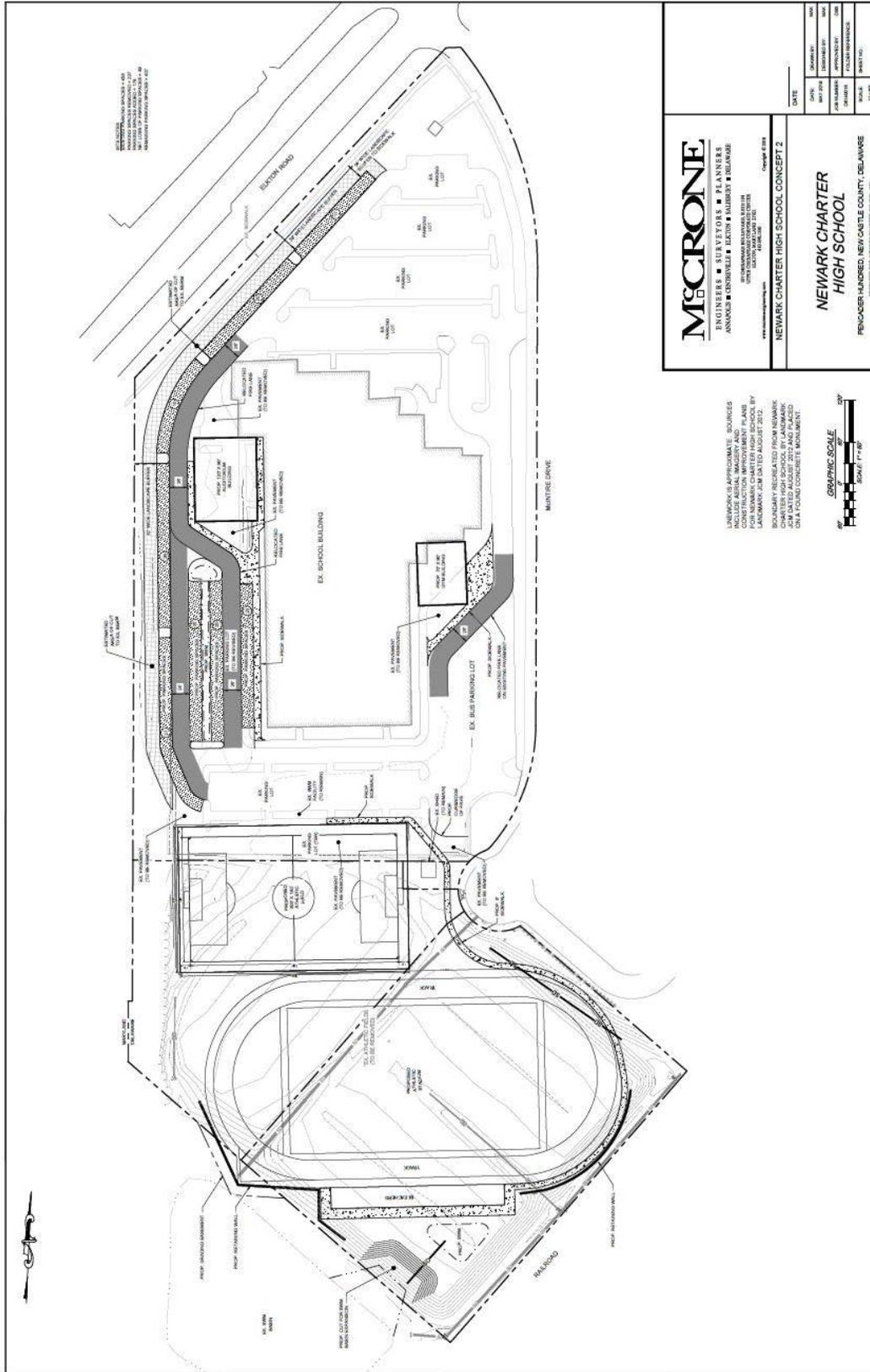
5. Describe how the proposed modification will impact the operation of the school. Include how student achievement, staffing, facilities, and financial viability of the school may be impacted in the current school year and for the remainder of the school's charter term.

By enhancing the athletics and performing arts facilities, we assist students with co-curricular activities that enhance their education, leadership, creativity and meets their social-emotional needs throughout their time with the school.

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 project has no negative impact on the school's financial position. With favorable bond rates, the school is able to refinance their current bond issue with funding to cover the proposed projects while extending, but not increasing its annual bond payments.

Appendix A: Site Plan Concept with Track and Field



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NEWARK CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL CONCEPT 2

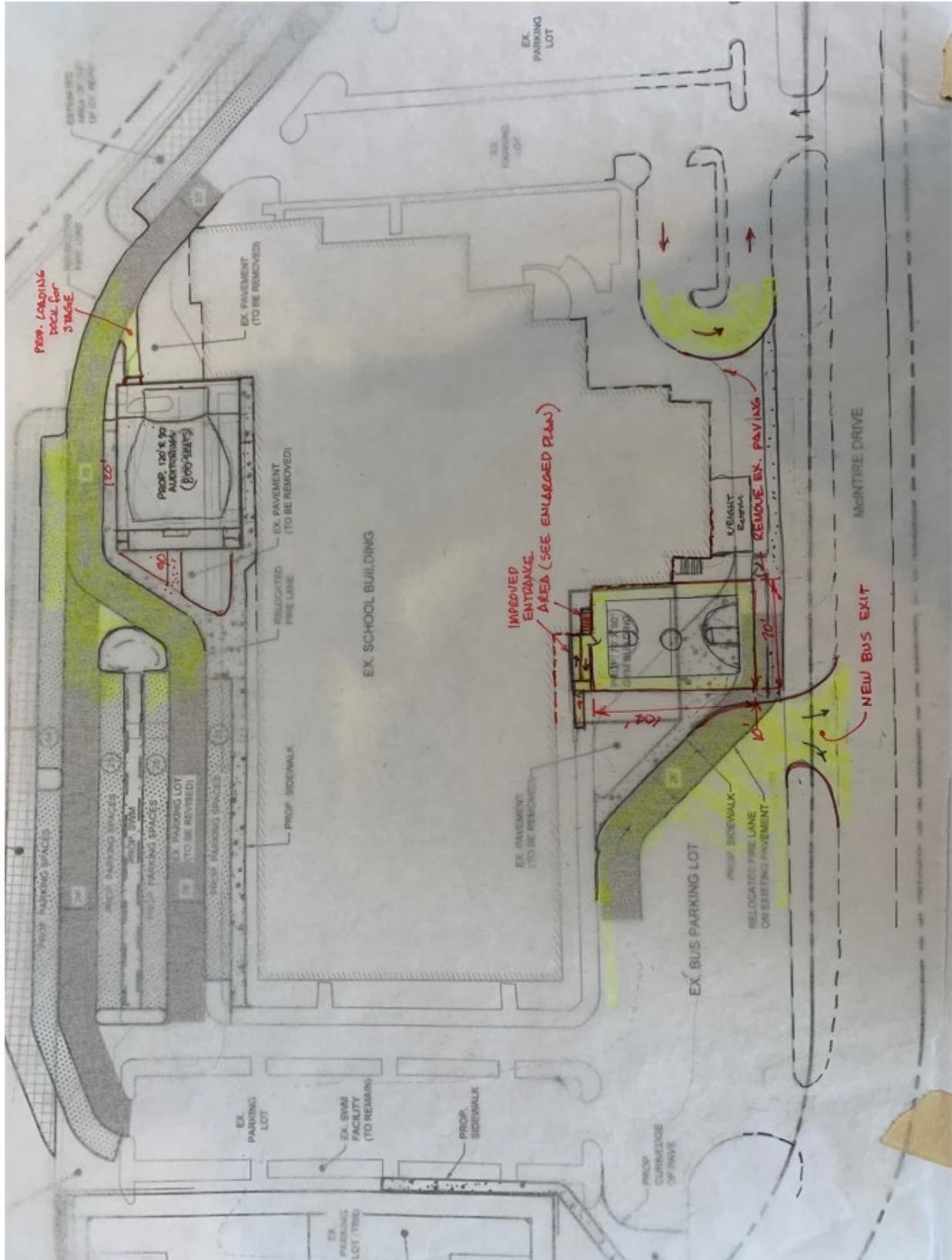
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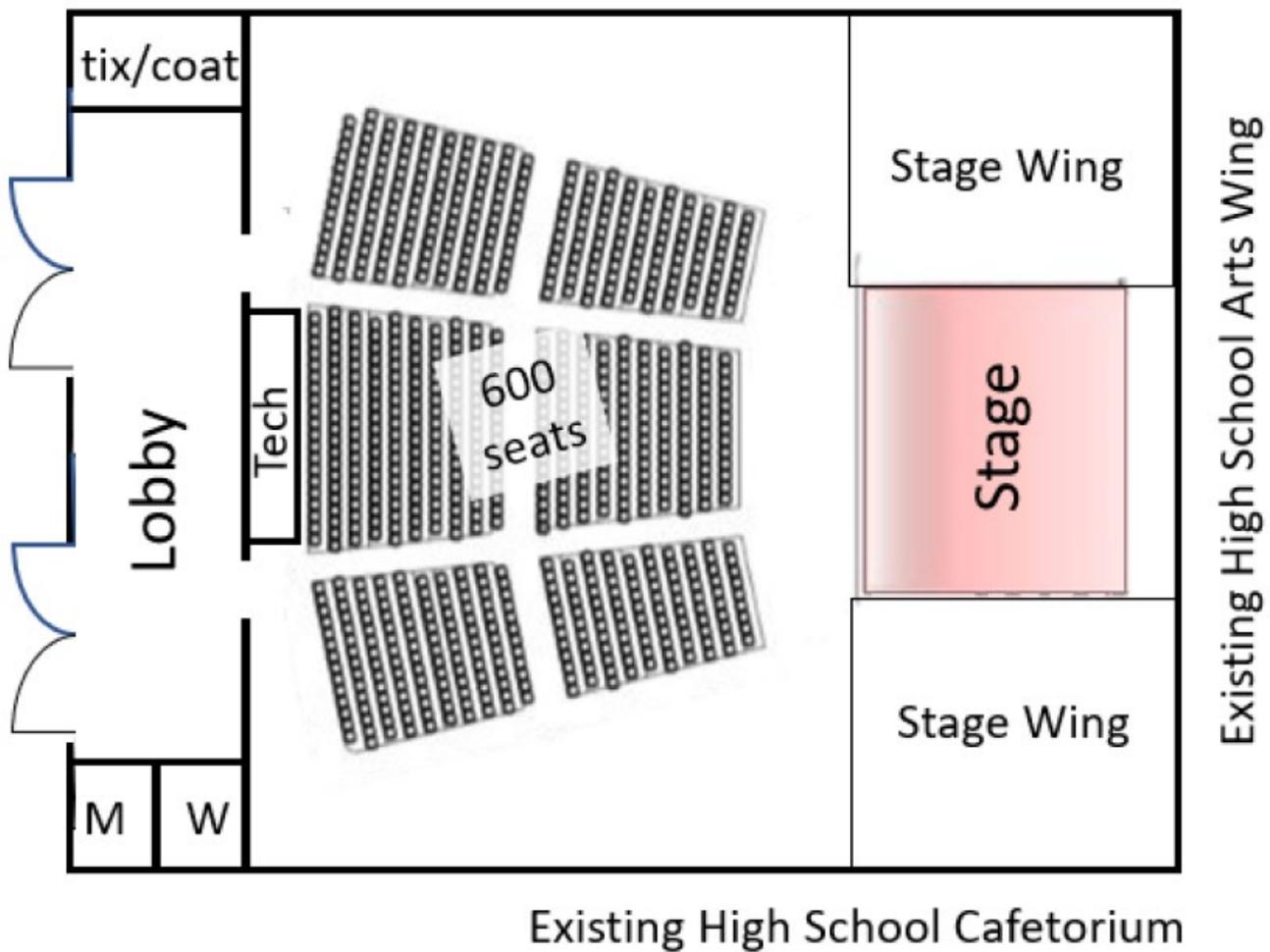
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Appendix B: Site Plan Concept with Auditorium and Gym Concept Detail

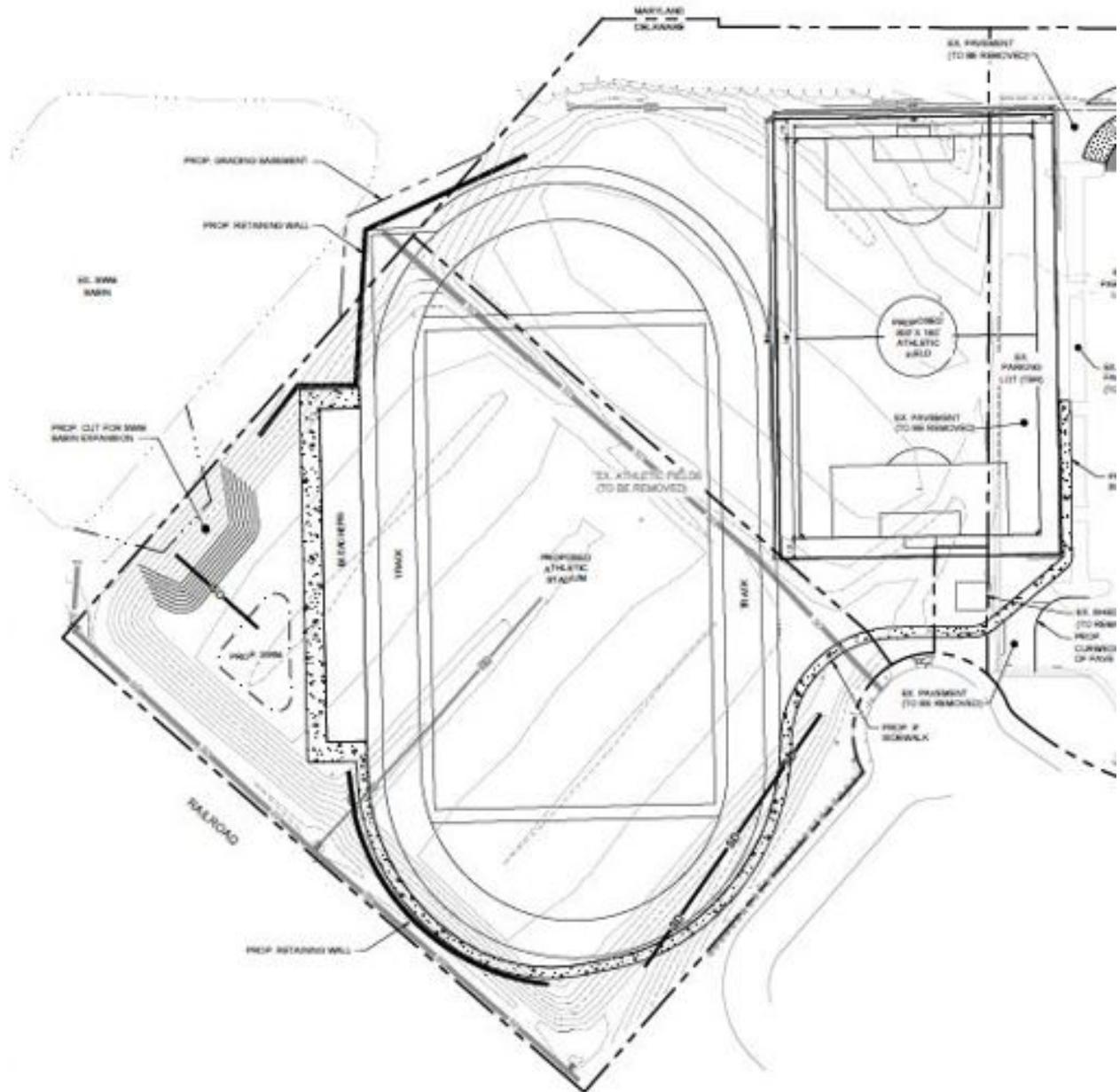


Appendix C: Auditorium Concept Drawing

NCS Auditorium Concept



Appendix D: Track and Field Concept Detail



Appendix E: Board of Directors' Support Letter

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August 20, 2021

Dr. Susan Bunting; Secretary of Education
Delaware Department of Education
John G. Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, DE 19901-3839

Dear Secretary Bunting:

Newark Charter School respectfully requests your consideration and approval for a minor charter modification that would allow the school to undertake a project to enhance our existing athletic facilities, fields and construct an auditorium on our High School campus at 200 McIntire Drive.

The impetus for this project originated with the work of a strategic planning committee that worked on strategic priorities for the long-range needs of our school and its students.

As the school continues to expand based on its approved enrollment plan, we have a need for facility enhancements to serve the High school and overall NCS populations with a running track, play and practice fields and other athletic support facilities appropriate for our DIIAA athletics program and an auditorium facility that will enhance our instructional and performing arts in the areas of music, theater and other educational and entertainment presentations.

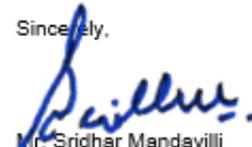
By enhancing the athletics and performing arts facilities, we assist students with co-curricular activities that enhance their education, leadership, creativity and meets their social-emotional needs throughout their time with the school.

This project has no impact on the levels of enrollment already approved.

As demonstrated by the school's Financial Statements the school has the financial capacity to complete this project utilizing the proceeds from a bond refinancing that will occur in the fall of 2021. The Board of Directors and the school's administration are working with financial professionals to take advantage of favorable bond rates so as not to increase the current annual bond payment amount.

If you would like to visit the school or discuss this request in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact either me or Head of School Franklin Newton. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Sridhar Mandavilli
Chairperson, Newark Charter School Board of Directors

Copy: Dr. Franklin A. Newton, Head of School



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS
NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL