



State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC)

Staff Recommendation to Amend Charter Contracts For an Extension of Terms by One Year

Recommendation: SCSC staff recommend that the proposed charter amendment to extend contract terms for eligible* state charter schools by one year be **approved**.

Rationale: Due to COVID-19-related school closures, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has waived all assessment and accountability requirements for the 2019-20 school year. GaDOE will not produce a 2019-20 CCRPI score. Thus, due to the lack of available data, the SCSC will not be able to produce 2019-20 academic performance scores. To not penalize schools and allow adequate performance data for renewal consideration, SCSC staff recommend extending charter contract terms by one year. This extension will apply to all state charter schools except for:

- Schools that earned a 5-year renewal term at the February 2020 SCSC Board Meeting (the last year of data from the current term does not apply in future accountability scenarios for schools granted a new 5-year charter contract); and
- Schools that have already earned a 5-year renewal term through satisfactory performance in their current charter term.

Staff plan to produce operational and financial performance scores unless data limitations prevent from doing so. For schools with extended contract terms, the 2019-20 operational and financial scores will be included in renewal considerations only if the scores improve a school's renewal status.

The following schools will utilize the recommended one-year extension and require a charter amendment:

- Academy for Classical Education
- Atlanta Heights Charter School
- Baconton Community Charter School
- Brookhaven Innovation Academy
- Cherokee Charter Academy
- Cirrus Academy Charter School
- Coastal Plains Education Charter High School
- Coweta Charter Academy
- Ethos Classical

- Foothills Education Charter High School
 - Fulton Leadership Academy
 - Genesis Innovation Academy for Boys
 - Genesis Innovation Academy for Girls
 - Georgia Connections Academy
 - Georgia Cyber Academy
 - International Academy of Smyrna
 - International Charter Academy of Georgia
 - Ivy Preparatory Academy at Kirkwood
 - Pataula Charter Academy
 - Resurgence Hall
 - SAIL – School for Arts-Infused Learning
 - Scintilla Charter Academy
 - SLAM Academy of Atlanta
 - Southwest Georgia STEM Charter
 - Spring Creek Charter Academy
 - Statesboro STEAM
 - Utopian Academy for the Arts
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