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State Board of Education Board Members
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RE: Wake Preparatory Academy Relocation Request

Dear State Board of Education Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Wake Preparatory Academy (“WPA”) we are asking for your approval of the amendment to our charter application to change the location of WPA to Franklin County to mirror the unanimous approval by the Charter Schools Advisory Board on April 22.

There is unprecedented, continued support and demand for our school from many voices in the neighboring communities. The Board could not be more grateful that WPA has located a suitable site that is approximately one mile from the originally proposed location. This means the same families who have been planning on attending WPA will still be able to despite the change in location. The further WPA moves from their original site, the more families would become displaced. Additionally, the Board recognizes that it must adhere to a local desegregation order, as required by G.S. § 115C-218.45(e).

Wake Preparatory Academy’s Board will make certain that the school will assist in the compliance of Franklin County Schools’ desegregation order by:

- first of all, hiring a community outreach coordinator to reach out frequently to the educationally disadvantaged families;
- allowing for the creation of a strong parent network to feel they have an integral part in students’ successes while enrolled at WPA and beyond;
- implementing a weighted lottery for up to 35% of the schools’ enrollment as approved by you;
- participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program;
- providing transportation;
- participating in the Juneteenth annual celebrations in neighboring towns and the on-going marketing of our school via our website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, mailers, community meetings and other events to remain visible as the public learns more and more of what WPA will provide for our students and their families; and
- using funds in WPA’s approved NC ACCESS Subgrant Budget to provide various means to attract and retain the educationally disadvantage students while making sure our students are academically proficient and at least meeting growth yearly with a moral focus curriculum, as well.

Therefore, the Board of Directors is proposing to form an **alliance** with Franklin County Schools for the benefit of all children who will attend Wake Preparatory Academy and the traditional public schools in the district. We feel strongly that our alliance will positively affect its desegregation order.

Please allow us the opportunity to partner with Franklin County Schools as we commend you for your continued dedication and commitment to all students in North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,

Hilda A. Parlér

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Founder, Board President