

November 17, 2016

Mr. Dave Machado  
Director, Office of Charter Schools  
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction  
301 N. Wilmington Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Mr. Machado:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Rolesville Charter Academy, I write to respectfully request a one-year delay in the opening of our school. Our new targeted launch date is August 2018.

As you know, we plan to work with National Heritage Academies (NHA) to build and operate our school. Local boards and NHA recently opened two new schools in 2016: Gate City Charter Academy and Matthews Charter Academy and encountered construction difficulties and delays with both projects. Additionally, another school planned to open in 2016, Peak Charter Academy, requested a delay to open in 2017 due to construction challenges. This is a concerning trend and at our monthly Board meetings we have been carefully monitoring the progress to acquire land for Rolesville Charter Academy and all necessary permits. We were disappointed to learn earlier this month that NHA cannot guarantee us an on-time opening in August 2017 in our planned location and with the school facility we desire.

Our Board voted on November 7, 2016 to respectfully request a delay to open our school in the fall of 2018. We believe this will allow us the time to best achieve our mission, continue to build a strong relationship with families, and to ensure that our school building will be of the highest quality and completed well prior to the start of school. Our Board, with our legal counsel, has set a number of benchmarks for NHA to meet to demonstrate progress towards our opening. We would be pleased to have the opportunity to share these benchmarks with you and to discuss how we can best work with your office to complete the Ready-to-Open process.

We thank you for your partnership and support and welcome any questions.

Sincerely,



Lisa Kane  
Board Chair, Rolesville Charter Academy