

SUBJECT

Syringa Mountain School Proposed Performance Certificate Amendment

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

I.C. §33-5206(8)
IDAPA 08.02.04.302

BACKGROUND

Wood River Waldorf Methods School, commonly known as Syringa Mountain School (SMS), is a public charter school authorized by the Public Charter School Commission (PCSC) to begin operations in Hailey in fall 2014.

DISCUSSION

SMS has submitted a proposed amendment to the school's performance certificate.

The proposed amendment would increase SMS's enrollment caps for its first five years of operation. The school has indicated that community interest in the school merits a faster growth rate than originally proposed.

If the amendment is approved, the school will have the option of offering two classes per grade for kindergarten through second grade in Year One, then expanding by one additional class per grade level each year thereafter. Overall, the school's enrollment cap will increase by 60 students for the first four years of operation, and by 30 students for the fifth year of operation. Enrollment caps for subsequent years will remain the same; that is, the school's ultimate enrollment cap will not change, though the rate of growth toward that cap will increase.

In accordance with statute, the PCSC notified Blaine County School District #61 of SMS's proposed enrollment capacity increase. Blaine County School District did not provide comment regarding the proposed amendment.

IMPACT

If the PCSC approves the proposed amendments, SMS will immediately begin operating under the amended performance certificate. If the PCSC denies the amendments, SMS could appeal this decision to the State Board of Education, or could decide not to proceed any further.

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As part of the performance certificate development process, the PCSC approved a general standard that schools whose accountability designation falls below "good standing" will not be eligible for expansion. Because SMS will not open until fall 2014, no accountability designation is

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presently available. Staff recommends that the PCSC consider whether it wishes to approve SMS's proposed amendment in the absence of data indicating the success of the school.

COMMISSION ACTION

A motion to approve the proposed performance certificate amendment as submitted by Wood River Waldorf Methods School, also known as Syringa Mountain School.

OR

A motion to deny the proposed performance certificate amendment as submitted by Wood River Waldorf Methods School, also known as Syringa Mountain School on the following grounds: _____.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Carried Yes _____ No _____

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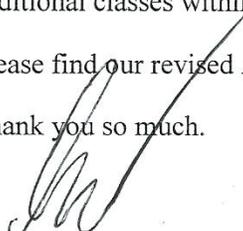
Chairman Alan Reed
Idaho Charter School Commission
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Boise, ID 83720-0037

Dear Chairman Reed and Commissioners,

Syringa Mountain School board respectfully requests permission to amend our enrollment projections to allow us to add one to two additional classes during our first year of operation. Although we anticipate that these larger classes would most likely occur at the 1st and 2nd grade levels, we would like the flexibility to increase our enrollment projections to include two additional classes within our grades 1 through 5 configurations.

Please find our revised Appendix J Enrollment Capacity attached for your consideration.

Thank you so much.



Mr. Greg Bloomfield
Board Chair

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APPENDIX J

Enrollment capacity of Syringa Mountain School

Syringa Mountain School probable or expected enrollment and growth (maximum numbers per grade)

Year:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
K (half-day)	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
K (full-day)	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
1st Grade	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
1st Grade	<u>30</u>	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
2nd Grade	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
2nd Grade	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
3rd Grade	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
3rd Grade		<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	30	30	30	30	30	30
4th Grade	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
4th Grade			<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	30	30	30	30	30
5th Grade	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
5th Grade				<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	30	30	30	30
6th Grade		30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
6th Grade							30	30	30
7th Grade			30	30	30	30	30	30	30
7th Grade								30	30
8th Grade				30	30	30	30	30	30
8 th Grade									30
Total	190	250	310	370	400	430	460	490	520
	<u>250</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>430</u>				