

CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT

This amendment hereinafter referred to as “Amendment #1” is made and entered into by and between the State Board of Education and the Liberty County Board of Education.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned parties entered into a charter contract on or about July 16, 2015 for the operation of Liberty County School System, a charter school system; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned parties sought to maximize academic, and financial accountability.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree that:

The charter contract shall be revised to include the requirements related to College and Career Academies and shall read as follows:

“Any College and Career Academy (“CCA”) opened by or any existing CCA included in the Charter System under the terms of this Charter must meet the definition of a College and Career Academy as defined in Section 1 above, the Charter System must notify the Department’s District Flexibility and Charter Schools Division and the Technical College System of Georgia of the opening, and the College and Career Academy must meet the following requirements related to College and Career Academies:

1. Provide proof that the CCA governing board established a Georgia nonprofit whose board will serve as the Local School Governance Team (LSGT) for the CCA;
2. If an existing CCA is included in the Charter System, then the current CCA’s governing board would continue as the autonomous governing board of the College and Career Academy, using its current by-laws for operation and procedures for electing members;
3. Provide a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the College and Career Academy governing board, the charter system, and the CCA’s higher education and business partners, that includes the following:

- Description of the CCA's autonomy,
 - Description of the amount of funding the CCA will receive from the District;
 - Acknowledgement that the CCA Governing Board shall exercise substantive control over and final decision-making authority regarding personnel decisions, financial decisions, curriculum and instruction resource allocation, establishing and monitoring the achievement of school improvement goals, and school operations; and
 - Description of any services and supports to be provided to the CCA by the local district.
4. The district's charter system contract shall include the College and Career Academy as an Essential or Innovative Feature."

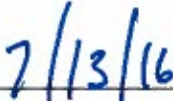
The charter contract shall also be revised to include Liberty College and Career Academy into the list of Essential or Innovative Features included in the charter system contract and shall read as follows:

"The Liberty College and Career Academy will partner with Savannah Technical College and the business community in Liberty County to provide CTAE pathway courses and MOWR opportunities for students. The CCA will function as an extension of the home school of each student."

In addition, information regarding ESEA has been amended to reflect the recent transition to ESSA.

Except as amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the charter contract, and subsequent amendments to the charter contract, if any, shall remain in full force and effect.


Chairperson, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION


(Date)


Chairperson, LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION


(Date)