

**Agenda Item Details**

Meeting	Nov 01, 2022 - School Board Meeting
Category	E. Consent Agenda
Subject	6. ASD Memorandum #038- Frontier Charter Renewal
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the renewal of Frontier Charter School's charter for an additional 10 years through the 2032-2033 school year.

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #038 (2022-2023) October 18, 2022

TO: SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: DR. JHARRETT BRYANTT, SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL: FRONTIER

ASD Core Value: *Public education should be responsive to an ever-changing world.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the renewal of Frontier Charter School's charter for an additional 10 years through the 2032-2033 school year.

PERTINENT FACTS:

State Statute 14.03.2559(c)(11) limits charter school contracts not to exceed a term of 10 years.

Anchorage School Board Policy and Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) regulations require charter schools to reapply for approval of their charter within 12 months of the expiration date of their current charter. The Frontier Charter School's charter will expire on June 30, 2023.

The Frontier Charter School charter was first approved by the Anchorage School District School Board in 2003. The school has maintained a steady enrollment on average of 279 students each year, with tremendous growth this year of 408.

Frontier Charter School is reapplying to the Anchorage School District School Board and DEED for a 10-year renewal of their charter. The ASD utilizes the DEED application format for our charter school review and application process.

There are currently nine (9) charter schools in ASD. Each charter school is governed by an elected board called an Academic Policy Committee (APC). Each APC hires their principal who in turn is the administrator of the school. The Frontier APC is made up of dedicated parents, staff and members of the community who continue to provide positive and responsible governance over Frontier Charter School.

The charter school's application to the District will include any requested waivers outside of Board policy and administrative regulations. If approved by the School Board, these waivers will be included in the school's charter and contract.

Frontier Charter School is one of three correspondence schools in ASD. The others are Family Partnership Charter School and PAIDEIA Cooperative which is a non-charter ASD state correspondence school.

The purpose of the Frontier Charter School is to provide greater educational choices and opportunities to homeschooling students and to assist homeschooled families in developing their child's educational program. Frontier strives to help each of their children achieve academic excellence.

Frontier is a successful Charter School serving a broad range of homeschooled students. They have supports and systems in place to help students who are struggling and/or who need enrichment. Frontier employs a Nationally Certified School Psychologist to provide families the opportunity to discover their child's unique patterns of learning through the Frontier Learning Profile (FLP).

Frontier has expanded from one leased administrative center in Anchorage to a second office in Eagle River. Frontier is the only ASD correspondence-study program with an office and resource center at Eagle River, Alaska.

The Frontier Charter School renewal application was open through Google Docs to the Administrative Review Team ("Team") for two weeks where they added their suggestions and feedback for the charter renewal proposers. The Team was made up of representatives from many departments in the district including, but not limited to: Assessment & Evaluation, Equity & Community Engagement, Human Resources, Teaching & Learning, Curriculum, Special Education, Gifted, Finance, Budget, Risk Management, Support Services, Operations, Maintenance, Procurement, Elementary Education, and Secondary Education. The Team met with the proposers for an administrative review on September 22, 2022.

The attached charter renewal application is the result of the meeting, support, and discussions and includes the recommended changes or modifications.

Attachment: A – DEED Charter School Renewal Application Form

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Approved by: Mark Stock, Deputy Superintendent
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FRONTIER CHARTER APPLICATION revised 10-14-2022.pdf (5,612 KB)

Motion & Voting

To approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion by Carl Jacobs, second by Andy Holleman.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yea: Margo Bellamy, Dave Donley, Pat Higgins, Andy Holleman, Carl Jacobs, Kelly Lessens, Dora Wilson

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