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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Jennifer Lambert, Executive Director, State Charter School Board

DATE: November 3-4, 2016

ACTION: Amendment Request – St. George Academy

Background:

St. George Academy's governing board seeks to reconfigure its grade range to include an eighth grade beginning in SY2018. This change does not require an increase to the total school enrollment; instead reallocates the already approved total school enrollment. The action summary report is included to provide additional information. The original amendment request can be found at: <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Board/2016/October.aspx>

Board Strategic Plan:

This item supports the following imperative(s) and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan:

- Quality Learning
- Educational Options
- Oversight

Anticipated Action:

It is proposed that the Law and Licensing Committee consider approving St. George Academy's Governing Board's request. If approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving the request.

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**State Charter School Board
Action Summary**

1. Charter School: **St. George Academy**

2. Details of Request: **St. George Academy’s governing board seeks to reconfigure its grade range to include an eighth grade beginning in SY2018. This change will not require an increase to the total school enrollment, but reallocates the already approved total school enrollment.**

	<i>Grade K</i>	<i>Grades 1-6</i>	<i>Grades 7-8</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Current</i>	0	0	0	350	350
<i>SY18 Proposed</i>	0	0	100	250	350

3. State Charter School Board Action: **The SCSB voted to approve the request to amend the Charter Agreement to allow for an eighth grade with 100 students.**

4. Summary of State Charter School Board discussion pursuant to action: Background information was introduced to the SCSB. The SCSB then invited the school’s governing board chair and director to speak to the background. The school articulated the reasons for making this amendment request, namely the need to be aligned with the district’s grade bands. The SCSB reviewed with the governing board the current enrollment interest and marketing strategies of the school.

5. Background: St. George Academy was scheduled to open in the Washington School District SY17; authorized for 350 students. Due to difficulty enrolling students, the SCSB voted to postpone opening the school for one school year. St. George is asking to shift 100 of the authorized student count from the 9-12th grades and open an 8th grade. A full narrative of their reasoning is listed as an attachment to the amendment application.

Note: St. George Academy will undergo a Readiness to Open Review in the spring. Should the school still struggle with enrollment at this point, the SCSB could vote to close the school with plenty of time to avoid undue impact on enrolled students; having offered sufficient opportunity and support.

6. As St. George Academy is opening this next school year there is no school performance data.

7. The State Charter School Board, prior to action, reviewed the following documents.

	Documents	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Statements	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrollment Data	Discussed with Director Jones. School already has students from last year committed for next year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Governing Board Meeting Minutes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Improvement Plan	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charter Agreement and Bylaws	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charter School Performance Standards	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facility Contracts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accreditation Report	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographics	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	

8. The complete application was submitted by the school to Superintendent Larry Bergeson of Washington School District on September 07, 2016.

No response received. Response attached.

9. SCSB voting:

<i>Member</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Deny</i>	<i>Recused</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Chair K. Elinkowski</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vice Chair D. Tonks</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Member R. Enger</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Member D. Brockbank</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<i>Member M. Smith</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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