

March 10, 2025

OCS Director's Update



Office of

CHARTER SCHOOLS

NC Department of Public Instruction

CSDVA Updates

- **Appeal held March 4th**
- **Remanded to CSRB**
- **SBE voted to approve the panel's recommendation March 6th**

CSDVA Updates

The EICS Committee, through the duly appointed Appeals Hearing Panel, recommends to the State Board of Education that it remand the appeal by the Community School of Digital and Visual Arts from the Charter Schools Review Board decision not to renew the School's charter back to the Charter School Review Board.

CSDVA Updates

Specifically, the State Board respectfully requests that the Charter Schools Review Board further consider this matter at its April 2025 meeting by addressing the following items:

- 1. the results of the Community School for Digital and Visual Arts' FY 2023 audit and the anticipated FY 2024 audit;**

CSDVA Updates

2. An expected detailed plan from the school for addressing all of the current and documented deficiencies noted by the Office of Charter Schools and the Charter Review Board;

3. Whether the School has met the requirements for a minimum charter renewal;

CSDVA Updates

4. Whether there has been evidence of immediate serious attention to improving the school operations; and

5. Whether the school has demonstrated it will be successful going forward.

Staff Updates

Welcoming consultant Tara Whitbread

NC ACCESS Updates

- **CSP/NC ACCESS is officially concluded - liquidation period ended Jan 30th**
- **HUGE thank you to Jenna Cook, Mariama Janneh, and Dr. Andrew Smith!**
- **OCS does not plan to reapply for this grant.**

RTO Updates

Ten schools slated to open this upcoming fall.

- RTO Reports each meeting from now through June.**
- June New Leader's Institute and final vote on RTO status - receive Charter Agreements.**



Ready to Open
Enrollment
& Facility Report
March 2025

Ready to Open UPDATES 2025

- ▶ All schools slated to open successfully completed RTO I
- ▶ RTO II currently in review phase by OCS Consultants
- ▶ RTO III due May 19, 2025
- ▶ Enrollment Report I includes collected *applications*. Enrollment data will be reported at later dates.

62Q
Go BIG-
Great
Opportunities
and Boundless
Innovation for
Girls

- ▶ **County:** Mecklenburg
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM:** 150 - enrollment decrease amendment (February 2025)
- ▶ **March applications:** 42
- ▶ **Breakeven number:** 147
- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

GO BIG signed their final lease negotiation on March 6th, 2025, with renovations beginning throughout the next three months. Inspections are slated to occur at the end of July based on their renovation schedule.

NCDOT Traffic Study not completed.

26D Agape Achievement Academy

- ▶ **County:** Cumberland
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM:** 224
- ▶ **March applications:** 71
- ▶ **Breakeven number:** 126
- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

Classrooms have all had final sheet rock and ready for final retrofitting; additional bathroom stalls are complete; new sprinkler system installed; HVAC system complete; alarm system will be completed by next week.

NCDOT Traffic Study in progress.

62S Honor Preparatory School

- ▶ **County- Mecklenburg**
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM: 132**
- ▶ **March applications: 50**
- ▶ **Breakeven number: 100**
- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

The school will open an office in the existing building beginning mid March. Furniture, fixtures and equipment orders are in progress in partnership with TMSA and other vendors. School tours of the building beginning in April. We continue to prepare transportation and food services as well as inspections to meet needs of our new school.

Traffic study completed from previous school plans.

32U North Oak Academy

- ▶ **County:** Durham
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM:** 520
- ▶ **March applications:** 783
- ▶ **Breakeven number:** 220

- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

Work to install siding on the school facility is nearing completion. Work is being completed on joist insulation, and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins. Additionally, they continue to install drywall in the facility. Externally, contractors are making preparations for work to be done on the parking lot and road. Off-site road improvements that will be shared with the nearby gas station have been approved by NCDOT.

NCDOT Traffic Study has been completed.

68F Carolina Achieve

- ▶ **County:** Alamance
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM:** 400
- ▶ **March applications:** 143
- ▶ **Breakeven number:** 210
- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

The facility will initially be a 10 classroom and a 6 classroom modular structure. These are currently being built by Carolina Modulars for delivery in late April 2025. Groundbreaking has been done at the site, which is largely flat. Grading is expected to start the first week in March. The site has been annexed by the City of Mebane, who will provide water and sewer services. These services currently exist at sites directly across the street from the Carolina Achieve site.

NCDOT Traffic Study has been completed.

91C Sledge Institute

- ▶ **County:** Henderson
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM:** 125
- ▶ **March applications:** 85
- ▶ **Breakeven number:** 115
- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

There are two tracks with regards to facility options. The first option involves continuing negotiations with the property owner for the property located at 2785 Poplar Creek Rd, Henderson This location is currently under construction with all necessary abatement and building envelope complete or near completion.

Secondly, a modular campus solution. We are currently soliciting and receiving requests for modular options for the future temporary site of Sledge Institute, which would be located at the future permanent location of the school located at 2565 US 1/158 Hwy, Henderson.

NCDOT Traffic Study not completed.

41S Triad International Studies Academy

- ▶ **County:** Guilford
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM:** 144
- ▶ **March applications:** 45
- ▶ **Breakeven number:** 80
- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

We have submitted Special Use Permit application and will go through the city council meeting for that on March 24. We have secured GC, Demolition, HVAC, and all the renovation team, as well as have contacted the inspection authority who are all aware of our project, and will start the renovation right after the Permit is issued. We have secured plan B for facility with the assistance of the architect. Just in case the facility renovation cannot be completed before school starts.

NCDOT Traffic Study has not been completed.

41P Liberty Charter School

- ▶ **County:** Guilford
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM:** 645
- ▶ **March applications:** 242
- ▶ **Breakeven number:** 267

- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

The school is expected to close on the property on April 4th. It is an existing property that will require minimal work to be able to obtain an ECO for K-8 for August. The facility is currently zoned for a K-8 school. The school will need to obtain an amendment to the Planned Unit Development which will allow a K-12 school. That process will take a minimum of 30 days and will be pursued after closing.

NCDOT Traffic Study in progress.

94K Nalanda Academy

- ▶ **County:** Wake
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM:** 146
- ▶ **March applications:** 139
- ▶ **Breakeven number:** 100
- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

We already have the lease in hand. The interior work—structural repairs, painting, flooring, ceiling tiles, cleaning, and mopping—have been fully completed. We are waiting for the landlord to schedule and complete the fire inspection. Open houses have been conducted for future families.

Traffic study completed from previous school plans.

34L Anderson Charter School

- ▶ **County-** Forsyth
- ▶ **Approved Year One ADM:** 80
- ▶ **March applications:** 46
- ▶ **Breakeven number:** 100
- ▶ **Facility Update March:**

The school will be housed in two pre-existing buildings on the Crossnore Communities for Children campus, which have been undergoing extensive renovations since July 2024. The renovation project is on track, with inspections and the certificate of occupancy expected to be obtained by June. In preparation for the school's opening, furniture, fixtures, and equipment have been ordered. Some items are already being delivered and securely stored in a nearby building until construction is completed.

NCDOT Traffic Study in progress.

Delay Year Schools

- ▶ These schools are currently delaying to open until Fall of 2026 and will participate in Planning Year/ RTO again starting in September 2025.
 - ▶ HYPE
 - ▶ West Triangle High School
- ▶ These schools withdrew from the 2025 Cohort.
 - ▶ Movement School Gastonia
 - ▶ Movement School Greensboro
 - ▶ Movement School Raleigh
 - ▶ Movement School East Charlotte

