

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Title: Anderson Academy's Amendment Request to Qualify for Enrollment Exemption**

#### **Detailed Item Description:**

Anderson Academy (formerly known as “Crossnore Community Charter”) is a public charter school in Forsyth County scheduled to open in August 2025. The school is required to maintain at least eighty students according to G.S. 115C-218.1 (b)(13). The Anderson Academy Board of Directors is requesting an amendment to their charter application to decrease their enrollment from the required 80 students to serve a small population of students, due to small class sizes, individualized instruction, and students placed in residential care.

#### **§115C-218.1. Eligible applicants, contents of applications; submission of applications for approval.**

##### **G.S. 115C-218.1 (b)(13)**

“The number of students to be served, which number shall be at least 80, and the minimum number of teachers to be employed at the school, which number shall be at least three. However, the charter school may serve fewer than 80 students or employ fewer than three teachers if the application contains a compelling reason, such as the school would serve a geographically remote and small student population.”

#### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of Anderson Academy is to offer a stable, emotionally supportive, educational environment for children with a goal of empowering each child to achieve his or her real academic and social potential.

Anderson Academy is located on the campus of Crossnore Communities for Children, a residential foster home here in Winston-Salem, NC. They will serve a unique population of students: students in foster care who live on Crossnore's campus, students in foster care who live with local foster families, and students from the community who are not in foster care. The Anderson Academy BOD anticipates that their numbers will fluctuate throughout the year due to the nature of students being placed in residential foster care. Currently, they have 83 students confirmed in their lottery system. They will continue to recruit students from the community. This number does not include the residential foster care students on campus. Eleven residential students qualify based on grade level to attend Anderson Academy. The BOD will meet to determine if these students will attend Anderson Academy in the fall.

**Approved Enrollment:** *\*The enrollment projections approved in the original charter application are not changing.* Anderson Academy is seeking an exemption in the event its enrollment falls under the 80-minimum state requirement based on its unique mission and enrollment circumstances related to serving children in the foster care system.

<b>Academic School Year</b>	<b>Grade Levels</b>	<b>Total Projected Student Enrollment</b>
Year 1	K, 1, 2, 3, 4	100
Year 2	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	120
Year 3	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	180
Year 4	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	180
Year 5	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	180

#### **Input Process:**

Anderson Academy's Board of Directors

All required documentation has been submitted to the Office of Charter Schools.