

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: **Monroe Charter Academy's Request for Grade-Level Expansion**

Detailed Item Description:

Monroe Charter Academy ("MCA") is a public charter school in Union County, currently serving approximately 125 students in grades K-7. The school has been in operation since 2019. MCA is a Title I charter school, serving approximately 78% of economically disadvantaged students (EDS). The MCA Board of Directors requests an amendment to their charter application to expand to 8th -12th grade, beginning with 8th grade in the 25-26 school year. MCA is currently designated as Continuously Low Performing (CLP), thus required by G.S. 115C-218.94 to obtain approval from the Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB) to expand their enrollment. Statute allows charter schools to offer **one grade higher or lower** than the charter school currently offers if the charter school has (i) operated for at least three years, (ii) has not been identified as continually low-performing as provided in G.S. 115C-218.94, and (iii) has been in financial compliance as required by the State Board.

District Name	School Code	School Name	State Board Region	Low Performing 2023-2024	Low Performing 2022-23	Low Performing 2021-22
Charter Schools	90D000	Monroe Charter Academy	Southwest	Y	Y	Y

School performance:

2024: F, Not Met

2023: F, Met Growth

2022: F, Met Growth

The school has renewal stipulations from its renewal in 2023. As of this date, it has met the stipulations. There are no current compliance issues.

Original approved enrollment chart (August 2018):

Academic School Year	Grade Levels	Total Projected Student Enrollment
First Year	K, 01, 02	N/A
Second Year	K, 01, 02, 03	144
Third Year	K, 01, 02, 03, 04	216
Fourth Year	K, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05	288
Fifth Year	K, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05	336

Facility:

The Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) will expire on June 6, 2025. MCA continues to work with local officials.

Input Process:

Monroe Charter Academy's Board of Directors

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