

Renewal Stipulations Progress Update

Stipulation Monitoring and School Status | September 8, 2025

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Purpose and Context

- During the renewal process in both 2023 and 2025, select schools were given stipulations for their 3-year renewal terms.
- This presentation serves as an update to the Review Board on progress, concerns and next steps.

Schools

- **2023 Renewal Stipulations**

- **SBE Stipulations**

- 09A Paul R Brown Leadership
 - 64A Rocky Mount Preparatory
 - 67B ZECA School of Arts and Technology
 - 90D Monroe Charter Academy

- **CSAB Stipulations**

- 41M Next Generation Academy

- **2025 Renewal Stipulations (CSRB)**

- 32C - Community School of Digital and Visual Arts

*Apprentice Academy HS was also given stipulations by SBE in 2023 but relinquished its charter and closed in Fall 2024.

OCS Monitoring and Support

- Progress Updates from OCS
 - September 2024
 - February/March 2025
 - September 2025
- Site Visits
 - Fall 2023
 - Virtual Check-Ins Fall 2024
 - Renewal Site Visits Spring 2025
- School Appearances to CSRB
 - February 2024
 - February/March 2025

09A - Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy

Stipulation	Status	Notes
School Improvement Plan	Complete	Approved August 2023
Leadership Trainings	In Progress	Yearly board training calendars have been provided to OCS for 23-24 and 24-25. Both years exceed the minimum 5 trainings and have reported 100% attendance.
Teacher Training	Complete	The school provided the teacher training schedule for the 23-24 and 24-25 school year that includes how to improve instructional outcomes for students
Meet or Exceed Growth 2/3 Years	Complete	2022 - 2023 - Met 2023 - 2024 - Met 2024 - 2025 - Exceeded
No Financial Compliance Warnings	At Risk	Jan 2024 - Financial Noncompliance Cautionary Status. DPI had not received FY23 Audit by January. Removed from Financial Noncompliance May 2024.
Compliance with All Legal Requirements	At Risk	May 2025 - School nutrition has withheld funding due to non-compliance. PRBLA leadership has submitted items on their corrective action plan and those documents are being reviewed by our administrative review team lead.

41M - Next Generation Academy

Stipulation	Status	Notes
Submit May Repayment	Complete	Complete
Submit September Repayment	Complete	Complete
21st Century Grant Training	Complete	Confirmed attendance at 21st Century Training + Federal Programs Summer Conference
Quarterly Updates	Complete	Completed November 2023, February 2024, March 2025

Notes

- Financial Noncompliance
 - July 3, 2024 - Improved from Financial Non-compliance Disciplinary Status to Probationary Status
 - December 20, 2024 - The school is to continue Probationary financial noncompliance for signs of financial insolvency. The following financial concerns were noted:
 - (1) The ratio of the comparison of current assets to current liabilities decreased from 0.69 in the FY23 to 0.56 in the FY24, further raising concern about the school's ability to meet its short-term liabilities with its current assets.

64A - Rocky Mount Preparatory

Stipulation	Status	Notes
School Improvement Plan	Complete	Approved in September 2023
Leadership Trainings	In Progress	School Presented in February 2025. Leadership training focus on governance, finance, equity, and instructional leadership. Training partners include Superior Solutions, Office of Charter Schools, and Poyner Spruill, LLC.
Teacher Training	Complete	School submitted training attendance log from February 23, 2024.
Meet or Exceed Growth 2/3 Years	Not Met	2022 - 2023 - Did Not Meet 2023 - 2024 - Did Not Meet 2024 - 2025 - Exceeded
No Financial Compliance Warnings	In Progress	No known financial compliance warnings.
Compliance with All Legal Requirements	At Risk	Compliance concerns from Office of School Nutrition + Office of Digital Teaching and Learning

67B - ZECA School of Arts + Technology

Stipulation	Status	Notes + Next Steps
School Improvement Plan	Complete	Approved June 2023
Leadership Trainings	In Progress	100% of Admin & board members completed more than 10 modules in 2023-2024 and Admin & board members completed 5 hours in 2024-2025
Teacher Training	Complete	School reports over 120 Hours of Embedded Professional Development for teaching staff during both the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.
Meet or Exceed Growth 2/3 Years	Complete	2022 - 2023 - Met 2023 - 2024 - Met 2024 - 2025 - Exceeded
No Financial Compliance Warnings	In Progress	No known financial compliance warnings.
Compliance with All Legal Requirements	In Progress	The school doesn't have any currently open compliance issues.

90D - Monroe Charter Academy

Stipulation	Status	Notes
School Improvement Plan	Complete	Approved October 2023
Leadership Trainings	In Progress	Board members have participated in sessions including Budget and Finances, Governance and Legal, and Community Engagement.
Teacher Training	Complete	The school reported a teacher training schedule that included 17 sessions for year along with weekly planning and data meetings.
Meet or Exceed Growth 2/3 Years	Complete	2022 - 2023 - Met 2023 - 2024 - Did Not Meet 2024 - 2025 - Met
No Financial Compliance Warnings	At Risk	Placed on Financial Noncompliance Disciplinary status before being given the Renewal Stipulations (February 2023). Moved to Probationary Status in July 2024. Removed from Financial Noncompliance December 2024.
Compliance with All Legal Requirements	At Risk	No known compliance issues. The Office of Charter Schools is currently monitoring the status of facility ECO acquisition.

32C - Community School of Digital and Visual Arts

Stipulation	Status	Notes
Presentation once per year to CSRB	In Progress	OCS will work with the school to schedule the presentation to the Review Board. No action needed at this time.
Provide monthly board minutes to the Office of Charter Schools.	In Progress	Board minutes have been provided to OCS and posted to the website in a timely manner each month.
Submit annual audits on time.	<No Update>	No update at this time. Annual audits are due in October.
CSDVA board members will go through a minimum of 2 trainings a year.	<No Update>	No update at this time. The CSDVA board will present on progress during scheduled presentation to CSRB.
Provide monthly updates to OCS regarding potential move	At Risk	Updates were provided for May and June. A July update was not initially provided, but the school provided a joint July/August update on August 26, 2025.

Notes:

- CSDVA was removed from both Governance Non Compliance and Financial Non Compliance

Key Trends Across Schools

- Academic growth remains a challenge for 2 schools. However, all schools under stipulations Met or Exceeded growth for 2024-2025.
- 3 Schools have been placed on Financial Noncompliance while under stipulations. 2 Schools are now removed, and 1 remains.
- Compliance concerns often linked to lack of responsiveness or communication with relevant DPI divisions
- Leadership + Governance Training is largely complete

What's Next

- Paul R. Brown, Next Generation, Rocky Mount Prep, ZECA, and Monroe Charter Academy are all in the 2026 Renewal Cohort.
 - **Fall 2025** - Schools will be before the Review Board for Renewal Presentations.
 - **Early 2026** - The Review Board will vote on the Renewal Terms for the 2026 Cohort.
- Community School of Digital and Visual Arts will present at an upcoming CSRB meeting.

Questions?

