

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Title: STARS Request to change RCA enrollment from regional to statewide**

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

Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaissance School (“STARS”) is a K-12 public charter school located in Moore County. The Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB) approved a regional Remote Charter Academy (RCA) for STARS, which opened in the 25-26 SY and serves 27 students in grades 4-9. The STARS Board of Directors requests approval to amend the scope of its Remote Charter Academy, **STARS Virtual Academy (SVA)**, from a **regional model**—limited to Moore County and its contiguous counties—to a **statewide charter academy**. The academy’s grade levels (4–9) and instructional model will remain unchanged.

#### **Rationale:**

Since launching SVA, the school has received significant interest from families statewide seeking a high-quality, flexible online learning option within the public charter framework. Current geographic limitations prevent otherwise eligible students from enrolling. SVA has completed its first year of operation, establishing strong systems for online instruction, onboarding, and student support. A unified Launchpad portal now integrates access to coursework, communication tools, and academic services, creating a seamless and secure virtual environment. Parent feedback has been consistently positive, emphasizing accessibility, responsiveness, and instructional quality.

The school is prepared to manage statewide expansion responsibly. STARS has planned for logistical and compliance requirements, including state testing coordination, cybersecurity measures, and equitable access to testing sites through partnerships with schools, colleges, and universities across NC. STARS seeks to extend its proven virtual learning model to serve students statewide while maintaining its commitment to academic excellence, operational integrity, and continuous improvement.

#### **Original Enrollment Projection (Regional)**

Charter Year	School Year	Grade Levels	Enrollment Projection
YEAR 1	2025-2026	4,5,6,7,8,9	150
YEAR 2	2027-2028	4,5,6,7,8,9	180
YEAR 3	2028-2029	4,5,6,7,8,9	199
YEAR 4	2029-2030	4,5,6,7,8,9	212
YEAR 5	2030-2031	4,5,6,7,8,9	225

**NEW Enrollment Projection (Statewide)**

Charter Year	School Year	Grade Levels	Enrollment Projection
YEAR 1	2026-2027	4,5,6,7,8,9	200
YEAR 2	2027-2028	4,5,6,7,8,9	230
YEAR 3	2028-2029	4,5,6,7,8,9	280
YEAR 4	2029-2030	4,5,6,7,8,9	330
YEAR 5	2030-2031	4,5,6,7,8,9	380

STARS has submitted all required documentation to the Office of Charter Schools and requests approval for a statewide remote academy.

**Input Process:**

STARS Board of Directors