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To Whom It May Concern:

Alamance Community School is requesting an amendment to our current charter to add a remote academy for 5th grade - high school students.

After carefully analyzing our achievement, growth, enrollment and attrition data, we believe a remote academy will have a significant positive impact in several ways.

Our school performance data has many facets of which some are not visibly apparent to someone outside of the school. Last year, in 3rd - 7th grade, 18% of our students were new to ACS and approximately 25% are new this year. After conducting the beginning of the year assessments, 20% of our new 3rd - 7th grade students are entering ACS two or more grade levels behind. This creates additional instructional challenges and the need for a comprehensive intervention plan, as we work to increase and improve our students' proficiency and growth. However, because of funding, we do not have the luxury to be underenrolled, thus the need to admit a larger number of new students in 3rd grade and up.

When reviewing our 2025 student attrition and withdrawal data, 20% of our families chose to withdraw from ACS due to wanting:

- a virtual learning/remote academy option
- homeschooling for flexibility and virtual learning
- a K-12th grade option, either in a charter school or private school
  - *Note: the private school vouchers have also had a negative impact on charter school enrollment across the State*

Therefore, having the ability to provide a remote academy option for our families and our community will enable us to meet the needs for remote learning, flexibility, in addition to having a high school remote program for our families that would like to remain at ACS through high school graduation.

Furthermore, the remote academy will enable us to keep our in-person student attrition and enrollment in 3rd - 8th grade to a minimum which will positively impact our student achievement and growth.

We are hopeful that you will receive our application to amend our charter in a favorable manner and welcome any questions and feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Hall Paynter".

Leslie Hall Paynter, M.Ed  
ACS Managing Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean R. Willey".

Sean Willey  
ACS Board Chair