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Dear Members of the Charter Schools Review Board,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Franklin School of Innovation, it is our pleasure to submit a Remote Charter Academy Amendment Application. The Franklin School of Innovation opened in 2014 as an EL Education school, focused on helping students become problem-solvers, leaders, and innovators who graduate ready for the futures they create. The school has grown to serve 745 students in grades 5 - 12 and is recognized for excellence in educational outcomes and an inclusive community. The school's success is based on a deep belief that every student can succeed at a high level. Over the past 12 years the school has built a beautiful school campus and continued its commitment to providing a student-centered program that prepares students to lead their futures. The in-person program will continue to grow and evolve and serve as the school's primary learning experience for students. However, with continued change in the education environment, the school recognizes an opportunity to better meet the needs of students and families who are not well-served by our rigorous, collaborative, and college-bound program.

Innovation Career Academy will provide an alternative pathway to a North Carolina high school diploma, access to career and technology courses, and the opportunity to engage in in-person service learning, field trips, and career readiness workshops. Students will complete academic courses, including all core courses and a range of electives, through Edmentum Courseware, a comprehensive virtual digital program aligned with North Carolina content standards. Students will be able to choose an accelerated, three-year path to a diploma, something that is not available through FSI's in-person program. School staff will help students prepare for and enroll in career and technical college-level courses through AB Tech and other area community colleges, with options to earn credentials and certifications before graduating from high school. Students who do not wish to pursue dual enrollment courses will have access to high school credit-bearing CTE electives through Edmentum Courseware. Innovation Career Academy will provide a separate and complimentary educational setting for students who need something different from FSI's in-person high school program.

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Innovation Career Academy will operate as a separate program within The Franklin School of Innovation, with a shared Board of Directors and school administration. The school brings over 12 years of experience operating as a North Carolina public charter school. The school's 10 year charter renewal was approved in 2019 and continues through 2029.

We look forward to this new opportunity to evolve and grow to meet the needs of our community.

With appreciation,



Al Glicksberg,
Board Chair



Michelle Vruwink,
Executive Director