



Pine Springs

PREPARATORY ACADEMY

January 27, 2026

TO: NC Office of Charter Schools
NC Charter School Review Board

Dear OCS Staff and CSR Board Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Pine Springs Preparatory Academy (PSPA), located in Holly Springs, NC, I am submitting our request to transition our currently approved Remote Academy to become a separate charter as allowed by SB254 (Section 9 of §115C-218.123c).

About Pine Springs Preparatory Academy

Pine Springs Preparatory Academy launched in 2017 with approximately 450 students, and since that time the demand from parents to enroll students at PSPA has been tremendous. In the 2025-26 school year, PSPA serves a total of 1420 students (from 7 LEAs) in both a traditional school environment and through our approved Blended Academy option. At one point this year we had a waitlist of over 1900 students. In 2021, PSPA received a 10-year charter renewal. In 2025, PSPA (93N) earned a school grade of B and exceeded growth projections.

About Pine Springs Preparatory Academy's Remote Academy

Pine Springs Remote Academy was approved by the CSR Board in June 2024 by unanimous vote. Now in its second year of operation, PSPA Remote Academy has enrolled students, spanning grades K-12, from all 100 NC counties. Per legislation that established the ability for charter schools to have a remote learning option, PSPA's Remote Academy is currently considered as a separate school number under the existing charter.

Our current Remote Academy meets the criteria established by the legislature to be established as a separate charter school, still to be governed by the same non-profit Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. G.S. 115C-218.123 passed into legislation in 2025 reads as follows:

"(c) If a school is operating under a charter that allows for a remote academy as part of the charter, and the school enrolls or intends to enroll 250 or more students in the remote academy, the school may request that the Review Board grant the remote academy portion of the school a separate charter by submitting the information listed under subsection (a) of this section with the request. Requests submitted pursuant to this section shall be reviewed through an expedited process to be established by the Review Board. The Review Board shall not require a planning year for remote academies granted a charter pursuant to this subsection."

We look forward to sharing with the CSRB why we feel transitioning our existing Remote Academy to become its own charter will provide greater understanding, efficiency, and accountability for this unique learning option.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Fisher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "F".

Erin Fisher
Chair – Board of Directors

Bruce Friend

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Superintendent