

CSRB Meeting: March 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Ryze Academy's Request to Relocate Outside of the Administrative Unit

Detailed Item Description

Ryze Academy is a newly authorized public charter school approved as an accelerated application to serve students in Forsyth County with an anticipated opening in the 2026–27 academic year. The school plans to initially serve 250 students in grades K-4, with future expansion to K-8, and is currently in its planning year.

The Board of Directors of the Ryze Academy respectfully requests approval to relocate the school's instructional site as part of the Ready-to-Open process. The proposed site is located in Guilford County, approximately 5 miles from the originally approved location in Forsyth County.

**Original Approved Location: Forsyth County
121 Skeet Club Road, High Point, NC 27265 (Manna Church High Point)**

**Proposed Location: Guilford County
1697 Westchester Drive, High Point, NC 27262 (Liberty Charter Academy)**

Rationale

The school determined that the original facility was no longer viable after initial fire marshal feedback indicated only minor changes. Subsequent city reviews required additional work that became untenable, including the likely need to stagger start times. After exploring multiple backup sites, the school entered discussions with Liberty Charter Academy. That facility offers more than 135,000 square feet, holds an approved ECO, and has sufficient capacity to accommodate Ryze Academy.

The revised facility arrangement has minimal impact on the school's budget, as utilities are included in the lease and a provision allows for a 20 percent rent reduction if ADM falls below 201 students. Consistent with the budget submitted during the November RTO process, the school projects maintaining a 5 percent surplus.

Input Process

Ryze Academy stakeholders, school leadership, and the Board of Directors

Documents

All required documents have been submitted to the Office of Charter Schools.