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Members of the Charter School Review Board,

I hope this message finds you well. We are writing on behalf of North East Carolina Preparatory School to formally request approval to transition our current Regional Remote Academy to a Statewide Remote Academy due to the rapid and unexpected interest and the number of received applications during our current open enrollment period. To date of the 43 completed applications, 32 are outside of our region and 4 from out of state. Furthermore, we have received 140 applications who have expressed interest in our Remote Academy, but not made a final decision. Also, a great number of them are from outside our region and out of state.

While our Regional Remote Academy was originally intended to serve specific counties, over the past year, we have seen a significant surge in enrollment from students across the state and other states, far exceeding our initial projections. Our school board attorney is currently working on an admissions policy aligned with state law permitting out of state students to attend, if approved. For all out of county and state students the terms of admission will be they must come to campus for all end of grade / end of course testing. All interim assessments can be conducted online. Our goal would be in the future to cluster students and test off campus. Furthermore, we are re-evaluating our software platform to offer online tutoring on demand to offer more support to students.

This overwhelming response from families across the state has demonstrated a clear need for a Statewide Remote Academy. Transitioning to a statewide model will allow us to better serve and accommodate the growing number of students from diverse regions, ensuring that all students have access to a high quality, flexible education.

By expanding to a Statewide Remote Academy, we can provide equitable educational opportunities to students from every county in the state. This transition will help us manage our resources more effectively and meet the increasing demand for our program.

Thank you for considering this request. I am confident that this transition will greatly benefit our students and fulfill our mission of providing exceptional education across the state.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Cockrell, Executive Director

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Mrs. Anne Mann, Board Chair

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Original Enrollment Chart

Academic School Year	Grade Levels	Total Projected Student Enrollment
Year 1 (SY: 24-25) For example, SY 21-22	9-12	25
Year 2 (SY: 25-26)	6-12	50
Year 3 (SY:26-27)	6-12	75
Year 4 (SY: 27-28)	6-12	100
Year 5 (SY: 28-29)	6-12	125

New enrollment chart

Academic School Year	Grade Levels	Total Projected Student Enrollment
Year 1 (SY: 24-25) For example, SY 21-22	9-12	25

Year 2 (SY: 25-26)	6-12	50
Year 3 (SY: 26-27)	6-12	90
Year 4 (SY: 27-28)	6-12	110
Year 5 (SY: 28-29)	6-12	130