

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Title: TMSA Charlotte's Amendment Request for Enrollment Increase**

#### **Detailed Item Description**

TMSA Charlotte is a public charter school in Mecklenburg County serving more than 1,300 students in grades K–12 and has operated since 2016. In partnership with the school community, the TMSA Charlotte Board of Directors is requesting an amendment to increase enrollment by more than 20% for the 2026–2027 school year. Because the school is currently designated as low-performing, this request requires formal approval from the Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB). Without CSRB approval, the school's maximum enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year will be 1,626.

#### ***§ 115C-218.7. Material revisions of charters.***

*(a) A material revision of the provisions of a charter shall be made only upon the approval of the Review Board.*

*(b) If a charter school has been identified as low-performing under G.S. 115C-218.94, then it shall be considered a material revision of the school's charter to increase its maximum authorized enrollment by more than twenty percent (20%) of the previous year's maximum authorized enrollment.*

#### **Rationale**

The request to enroll 1,806 students is supported by a combination of academic, operational, and financial factors. First, the school has demonstrated consistent academic improvement, with measurable gains across all assessed content areas. These outcomes indicate that instructional strategies, curriculum alignment, and targeted interventions are effectively supporting student achievement, even as enrollment has expanded significantly in recent years.

Second, the organization has substantially increased its operational capacity. Newly acquired and renovated facilities provide not only the physical space required for additional students but also the administrative and programmatic infrastructure necessary to sustain high-quality operations. These enhancements position the school to scale responsibly without diminishing the student experience.

Third, there is a clear and sustained community demand. Application volume, waitlists, and acceptance rates reflect strong and growing interest from families throughout the greater Charlotte region, signaling both confidence in the school's model and a need for additional high-quality educational options.

The expansion of STEAM laboratories, advanced coursework, and specialized extracurricular offerings enhances the overall academic experience, making the school more competitive in student recruitment while also improving long-term student engagement and retention. Increasing student numbers is necessary to meet long-term

financial obligations, including facility bond requirements, while preserving the viability of current academic programs and staffing structures. Collectively, these factors demonstrate that the proposed enrollment increase is both justified and aligned with the school’s strategic priorities.

**School performance:**

Year	School Performance Grade	Growth	Low-Performing (Y/N)
2025	D	Met	Yes, CLP/LP
2024	C	Met	Yes, CLP
2023	D	Met	Yes, CLP/LP

**Enrollment Chart**

TMSA Enrollment – Historical, Current & Projected

School	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
Triad Math And Science Academy	1315	1347	1374	1390	1868	2065	2180	2230	2340
Triangle Math And Science Academy	1264	1359	1922	2012	2863	3625	3925	4180	4150
TMSA Charlotte	919	783	762	1355	1806	2014	2189	2324	2401
TMSA - Apex	613	698	1084	1013	1022	1025	975	950	925
<b>TMSA Schools (Total)</b>	<b>4111</b>	<b>4187</b>	<b>5142</b>	<b>5770</b>	<b>7559</b>	<b>8729</b>	<b>9269</b>	<b>9684</b>	<b>9816</b>

**Documents**

TMSA Charlotte has submitted all required documents to the Office of Charter Schools and requests approval for an enrollment increase of over 20%.