

CSRB Meeting: June 2026

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Title: Focus Academy's Request for a One-Year Delay**

#### **Detailed Item Description**

Focus Academy is a newly authorized public charter school, approved through an accelerated application process, to serve students in Wake County, with an anticipated opening in the 2026–27 academic year. The school plans to initially serve students in grades K–4, with future expansion through grade 8, and is currently in the Ready to Open (RTO) process. The Board of Directors of Focus Academy respectfully requests approval for a one-year delay, with a proposed opening in August 2027.

***Because the school was approved through the accelerated application process, approval from the Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB) is requested.***

#### **Rationale**

After reviewing current enrollment data, operational readiness, and long-term sustainability planning, the Board of Directors determined that requesting a one-year delay is the most responsible course of action. Although the school has generated community interest and student applications, enrollment has not yet reached the projected benchmarks established during the (RTO) process. The additional planning year will allow the school to strengthen recruitment and outreach efforts, finalize operational systems, and support a successful and sustainable launch.

The school's facility is located at 3000 Rock Quarry Rd., Raleigh, NC, on the campus of Word of God Academy, a private school with an approved Educational Certificate of Occupancy (ECO).

In connection with this request, the Board also determined that revising the Year 1 opening configuration from Kindergarten through Fourth Grade (K–4) to Kindergarten through Fifth Grade (K–5) will better align with community interest, family needs, and long-term enrollment sustainability. Updated multi-year enrollment projections reflecting this change are included with the amendment request and documented below.

#### **Currently Approved Fall 2026 Enrollment Chart**

Academic School Year	Grade Levels	Projected Student Enrollment
Year 1 (SY: 26-27)	K-4	200
Year 2 (SY: 27-28)	K-5	240
Year 3 (SY: 28-29)	K-6	290
Year 4 (SY: 29-30)	K-7	340
Year 5 (SY: 30-31)	K-8	390

**Proposed (pending approval) Fall 2027 Enrollment Chart**

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**Input Process**

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

**Documents**

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