



May 23, 2016

Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

Dr. Susan Remillard
Superintendent
Gordon County School System
205 Warrior Path, NE
Calhoun, Georgia 30701

RE: Gordon County Charter System Renewal Application

Dear Superintendent Remillard:

Thank you for the submission of your charter system renewal petition on behalf of Gordon County School System (Gordon). We are delighted that you have chosen to take advantage of Georgia's charter system program as a way to enhance the educational opportunities of children in your area.

The Charter Schools Division of the Georgia Department of Education conducted its initial review of the application materials. Although your petition satisfied the requisite criteria, after the interview, we identified a few areas that require further explanation/clarification before we move forward with presenting Gordon's application to the State Board of Education (SBOE).

1. Please specify the strategies Gordon will use to ensure Local School Governance Team (LSGT) membership is reflective of each school's student population.
2. Given the challenges LSGTs faced in the areas of training and authority during the initial charter term, describe how Gordon plans to make sure all LSGTs are well trained and consistently engaged in important decision making processes system-wide.
3. Provide a detailed and realistic description of the time and capacity required of LSGT members in Gordon.

Please respond to this letter in the same format. Responses should be enumerated with the corresponding request number and should be received as soon as possible. We plan to submit a recommendation to the SBOE in June, thus allowing Gordon time to prepare before the start of

the 2016-2017 school year. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at mkey@doe.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,

Marissa M. Key

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Charter System Petition Manager

Cc: Dr. Amy Parker, Director of Communications, Gordon County Schools
Louis J. Erste, Associate Superintendent for Policy, Charter Schools, District Flexibility,
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