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State Public Charter School Authority
Attn: Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director
2080 E. Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Re: Request for Good Cause Exemption

Dear Executive Director Feiden,

Elko Institute for Academic Achievement is respectfully seeking an exemption from the current amendment schedule due by October 15th, 2021. We are happy to share on September 27, 2021, EIAA's application to secure funding through USDA was granted. Receiving this information on September 27th caused us to miss the "Notice of Intent to Submit Request for Charter Amendment" due no later than September 1st and the application deadline of October 1st-15th.

In talking with our Architect and Legal Council we have been advised to start the 2023-2024 school year in the new school we need to break ground no later than June of 2022. Waiting for the Spring application cycle of March 1, 2022 will not allow us to move forward with the needed steps to be ready too break ground the summer of 2022. For this reason, we are requesting a good cause exemption to submit an application outside of the designated window.

March of 2020, EIAA purchased a nine-acer parcel located next to the college in the center of Elko. We will be submitting an application to construct a facility and expand enrollment in existing grade levels. EIAA currently has one class in each grade Kindergarten - 8th with 22 kids in each class. In the new facility we want to expand to two classes per grade level Kindergarten - 8th grade.

EIAA has been in frequent contact with members of the Authority staff to keep them apprised of changes within this three-year process. We recognize we are submitting the amendment outside of the submission window and appreciate your understanding.

Please contact Ashley Perkins, Principal, if you have any question regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Ashley Perkins
EIAA Principal

Dennis Zimmerman
Board Chair