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Board Chair
Independence Classical Academy

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Elizabeth School District
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Dear Superintendent Snowberger and Members of the Board,

On behalf of Independence Classical Academy (ICA), I am writing to formally request a one-year extension for the opening of our charter school, moving our anticipated launch date to Fall 2026. We appreciate the district's continued engagement and support throughout this process, and we are committed to working collaboratively to ensure a strong and successful opening for the school.

As part of this request, we would request the opportunity to meet with representatives from the district and the district board to explore potential solutions and pathways that would support the school's viability and alignment with community needs. Specifically, we would like to discuss the following items:

1. Frontier Building Roof Repairs

ICA currently maintains an active lease with the district for the Frontier Building. We would like to understand whether the district plans to repair the roof, and if so, what the timeline would be for those repairs. It is requested that multiple bids be obtained within the next month so that the district can determine the best course of action with the Frontier Building.

2. Use of Classrooms at Singing Hills Elementary

We respectfully request that the district consider putting in writing a commitment that, should ICA secure at least 80 students from Singing Hills Elementary committed to enroll in Fall 2026, ICA would be granted access to four classrooms within the interior of the building if Singing Hills is chosen by ICA to be a suitable temporary location site.

3. Partnership on Future Development Site

We would like to explore whether there is a pathway to a partnership involving one of the 5-acre parcels at the district's future development site. Specifically, we are interested in discussing whether the district would consider cost-sharing or providing support for placing modular classrooms on the property which can be used by the district once ICA leaves that temporary location.



4. Potential Use of Middle School and Modular Space

Given the projected drop in middle school enrollment in 2026, we would like to discuss the potential availability of open classrooms at the middle school, as well as the two modular units previously committed to ICA.

5. Potential Use of Modular Classrooms at Running Creek Elementary

We would like to explore the potential of placing modular classrooms on the property behind Running Creek Elementary School near the current preschool modular. City utilities are located at the site which was previously used for the Legacy Academy Charter School during its infancy.

In addition to the above, ICA will continue to review for suitable temporary locations in our community. We believe that exploring the above solutions together can lead to a mutually beneficial outcome and provide families in the community with an additional high-quality educational option.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to continuing this conversation and identifying a viable path forward for a Fall 2026 opening. Please let us know a convenient time to meet and discuss these opportunities further.

Sincerely,

Candy Putch
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