



February 9, 2022

(VIA: E-MAIL ONLY)

Coastal Leadership Academy
Bridgett Fowler, Board Chair
Sherri Oskin, Principal
3710 Palmetto Pointe Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

RE: Notice of Waiver of Transfer Policy Deadline and School Compliance Status and Eligibility Status

Dear School Leader and Board Members,

The Charter Institute at Erskine (“Charter Institute” or “Institute”) is the charter school sponsor and authorizer of your School, Coastal Leadership Academy (“School”). In accordance with the South Carolina Charter Schools Act of 1996 as amended located at S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-10 *et seq.* (the “Act”), the sponsor of the charter is the charter school’s local education agency (“LEA”) and a charter school is a school within that LEA.

As you are aware, at the January 19, 2022 Institute Board Meeting, the Board granted a one-time waiver of the September 1st School Transfer Policy deadline for your School’s October 1, 2021 transfer request. This one-time waiver is based on extenuating circumstances arising from the Institute Board adopting the Transfer Policy at its August meeting immediately following receipt of the July 2021 Legislative Audit Council Report and the policy deadline, which aligned with State mandated timelines for authorizers to submit annual budget requests to the General Assembly, being approximately one month later.

The Institute has requested the Institute Board place your School’s transfer request on the agenda for its March 16, 2022 board meeting. The Institute’s duty as an authorizer is to hold each of their school’s accountable for their performance and legal and fiscal compliance.

To keep our accountability philosophy in mind, the Institute is preparing a “Compliance Summary” for each school seeking to transfer, which includes the School’s compliance status. This letter provides a summary of same and will be provided to the Institute Board for consideration of the School’s Transfer Request. In addition, the Institute has included a “School Snapshot” as a summary of the School’s compliance background with supporting documents - which can also be found on our website. <https://erskinecharters.org/transfer-out-updates/>

Compliance Background & Current Compliance Status

On October 5, 2020, the Institute issued a formal Notice of Noncompliance to the School with “concerns related to systemic deficiencies in the area of special education.” On November 22, 2021, the Institute issued a Notice of Resolution of Noncompliance based on the School’s fulfillment of the terms of its Corrective Action Plan and lifting the status of Noncompliance. However, the Institute does have concerns about the next authorizer being the **third authorizer** for Coastal Leadership Academy in **six years**.

Therefore, based on your completion of the Corrective Action Plan for special education and heightened monitoring for academics, the current compliance status of Coastal Leadership Academy is **“Compliant/Good Standing”**.

The Institute will present this letter to the Institute Board for its consideration of your School's Transfer Request, unless the School fails to maintain its compliance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vamshi Rudrapati". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Vamshi Rudrapati

cc: Cameron Runyan, Superintendent
Sarah Timmons, Counsel
Dr. Tom Hellams, Institute Board Chair
Joe Bowers, Coordinator of Authorization