



*Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy
4030 N. 29th Street
Milwaukee, WI*

Monday, February 13, 2023

Dear Members of the Charter School Review Committee:

On behalf of the Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy Board of Directors, I respectfully request your approval of an amendment to change our charter to serve grades six through twelve with a maximum enrollment of 1,000 students. Our current charter allows for a maximum of 330 students in grades nine through twelve.

The Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy Board of Directors wishes to make this change because for almost two decades we have been working tirelessly to provide a college preparatory education for some of Milwaukee's neediest students. In that time, we have consistently achieved one hundred percent college acceptance for our graduates. However, the mission of our school is to get our students to and through college. The research is clear that the key to college graduation is a rigorous high school preparation. In order to enhance our rigor profile, we want to transform our high school into an Early College High School where each of our students arrives at college with exposure and success in authentic college rigor. To best facilitate this academic outcome, we believe adding the middle grades will allow us to do sufficient remediation for our scholars to achieve success in a rigorous, college-preparatory high school program. The best schools across the country (district, public charter, and private) are structured in this way. An examination of public charter schools (Success Prep, Achievement First, Uncommon Schools) nationally clearly demonstrates that consistent, pre-college academic success is correlated to a program that starts no later than sixth grade. This decision was reached after many conversations with staff, parents, students, and most essentially, our alumni who have called on us to provide additional preparation and support.

The Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy Board of Directors voted to approve this request on at a meeting held on Monday, December 19, 2022.

The Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy is an academic success, is a viable organization, and is faithful to the terms of its charter. We have one hundred percent college acceptance rate for our scholars. In celebration and recognition of this achievement, our community has come together to transform the Brownville community by building a new, state-of-the-art facility to open in 2024. The expansion of our facilities program will allow us to grow a middle school program that appropriately feeds into a college preparatory high school. We have raised \$20 million toward our expansion effort. We have more than doubled our enrollment in dual-credit courses, and we have expanded our staff to include one of the nation's foremost experts on charter schools and Early College programs. We believe that we are poised to build an even stronger set of academic outcomes for young people in Milwaukee.

Please contact me at (314) 624-7755 if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus C. Robinson
Chief Executive Officer