



Schools of Choice Unit
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Jeromy Johnson
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August 13, 2020

Dear Jeromy Johnson:

This letter is to notify you that on August 12, 2020, the State Board of Education approved the waivers from state statute and rule that the Douglas County Re-1 School District submitted on your behalf. These waivers will be valid through the term of your current contract, which expires on June 30, 2025.

Although your waivers were approved, we wanted to clarify that the waiver requested for C.R.S. 22-7-1014(2)(a) is solely on the assessment tool to determine Kindergarten School Readiness and does not permit an exemption for the requirement of scientifically or evidence based curricula in reading found in C.R.S. 22-7-1208. For a list of scientifically or evidence based curricula relating to the READ Act, please visit:

www.cde.state.co.us/coloradoliteracy/advisorylistofinstructionalprogramming2020.

Please note that charter schools must always meet the provisions in the Charter Schools Act as well as any other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the waivers are subject to review by the Colorado Department of Education at any time.

Also as a reminder, with passage of HB 17-1375, charter schools are required to update the posting of their waivers within thirty days of the State Board approval. Please check your financial transparency page to make sure that you have the most up to date links posted. Of the two separate links on this page, one will be the non-automatic waivers with the corresponding rationale and replacement plans and other should be the standardized description and rationale for automatic waivers with any automatic waivers that you have invoked in your charter contract.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bill Kottenstette
Executive Director
Schools of Choice Unit

cc: Kristin Schmidt, Douglas County Re-1 School District

