

# Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



Agenda Item: I.

Date: April 24, 2014

<b>Title</b>	First Review of Request for Approval of an Innovative Program Opening Prior to Labor Day (Year-Round School) for Loudoun County Public Schools Middleburg Community Charter School		
<b>Presenter</b>	Ms. Anne D. Wescott, Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Communications Dr. Edgar Hatrick, Superintendent, Loudoun County Public Schools		
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**Purpose of Presentation:**

Action required by state or federal law or regulation.

**Previous Review or Action:**

No previous review or action.

**Action Requested:**

Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

**Alignment with Board of Education Goals: Please indicate (X) all that apply:**

	Goal 1: Accountability for Student Learning
	Goal 2: Rigorous Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness
	Goal 3: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 4: Nurturing Young Learners
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
X	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify:

Goal 6: The review of the request to waive the requirement that the school year would begin prior to Labor Day, pursuant to § 22.1-79.1 of the *Code of Virginia* relates to the goal that the Board will provide leadership in the development and implementation of state and federal laws and regulations in ways that provide sound policies for student success.

**Background Information and Statutory Authority:**

Section 22.1-79.1 of the *Code of Virginia* prohibits local school boards from adopting school calendars that require schools to open prior to Labor Day unless a waiver is granted by the Board for "good cause." The conditions under which the Board may grant such waivers are outlined in the *Code*. The provision that permits the Board to approve a waiver for an experimental or innovative program may be found in § 22.1-79.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-79.1. Opening of the school year; approvals for certain alternative schedules.

- A. Each local school board shall set the school calendar so that the first day students are required to attend school shall be after Labor Day. The Board of Education may waive this requirement based on a school board certifying that it meets one of the good cause requirements of subsection B.
- B. For purposes of this section, "good cause" means:
1. A school division has been closed an average of eight days per year during any five of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations;
  2. A school division is providing, in the school year for which the waiver is sought, an instructional program or programs in one or more of its elementary or middle or high schools, excluding Virtual Virginia, which are dependent on and provided in one or more elementary or middle or high schools of another school division that qualifies for such waiver. However, any waiver granted by the Board of Education pursuant to this subdivision shall only apply to the opening date for those schools where such dependent programs are provided;
  3. A school division is providing its students, in the school year for which the waiver is sought, with an experimental or innovative program which requires an earlier opening date than that established in subsection A of this section and which has been approved by the Department of Education pursuant to the regulations of the Board of Education establishing standards for accrediting public schools. However, any waiver or extension of the school year granted by the Board of Education pursuant to this subdivision or its standards for accrediting public schools for such an experimental or innovative program shall only apply to the opening date for those schools where such experimental or innovative programs are offered generally to the student body of the school. For the purposes of this subdivision, experimental or innovative programs shall include instructional programs that are offered on a year-round basis by the school division in one or more of its elementary or middle or high schools; or
  4. A school division is entirely surrounded by a school division that has an opening date prior to Labor Day in the school year for which the waiver is sought. Such school division may open schools on the same opening date as the surrounding school division....

**Summary of Important Issues:** Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) seeks a waiver request to implement an innovative year-round program at one elementary school, Middleburg Community Charter School. The school system conditionally approved the charter for this elementary school pending negotiation of a charter school contract and lease, on March 4, 2014. At the same meeting, the LCPS School Board approved submission of a waiver request to the Board of Education for a Pre-Labor Day opening so the new charter school could operate a year-round calendar.

**Stated benefits of the year-round approach and need for a Pre-Labor Day opening**

Through the year-round approach, the Middleburg Community Charter will offer quarterly thematic units with a multi-age/grade interdisciplinary structure to connect learning across disciplines.

Loudoun County Public Schools indicates that the year-round calendar with planned intersessions necessitates a pre-Labor Day opening. The timing and placement of the intersessions is designed to increase learning time for students, offering continuous learning throughout the year, prevent learning loss and increase professional learning for the instructional staff. The school will begin August 4, 2014, have two-week intersessions in October and March, and end on June 16, 2015. This compresses the school's summer break to six weeks, which is consistent with the charter school's goal to shorten summer learning loss and provide continuous learning throughout the year.

The innovative year-round program will reflect a goal of full accreditation with Annual Measurable Outcomes that meet or exceed state and federal requirements. Teachers will receive professional learning time during early release days and use a block planning time for weekly professional learning communities focused on student achievement and professional growth.

Included in this packet are a copy of the complete package submitted by Loudoun County Public Schools, and the proposed year-round calendar.

**Impact on Resources:** The impact on resources at the state level is not expected to be significant.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:** Upon approval by the Board of Education, Department of Education staff will notify the Superintendent of Loudoun County Public Schools that Middleburg Community Charter is authorized to open prior to Labor Day beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and approve the request from Loudoun County Public Schools for an innovative program, pursuant to the provisions of §.22.1-79.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Guidelines for Considering and Approving Requests  
for Pre-Labor Day Openings  
Approved by the Board of Education on March 28, 2013**

**Statutory Authority**

Section [22.1-79.1](#) of the *Code of Virginia* governs the conditions under which the Board of Education may grant a waiver to a local school board to open school prior to Labor Day.

§ [22.1-79.1](#). Opening of the school year; approvals for certain alternative schedules.

A. Each local school board shall set the school calendar so that the first day students are required to attend school shall be after Labor Day. The Board of Education may waive this requirement based on a school board certifying that it meets one of the good cause requirements of subsection B.

B. For purposes of this section, "good cause" means:

1. A school division has been closed an average of eight days per year during any five of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations;

2. A school division is providing, in the school year for which the waiver is sought, an instructional program or programs in one or more of its elementary or middle or high schools, excluding Virtual Virginia, which are dependent on and provided in one or more elementary or middle or high schools of another school division that qualifies for such waiver. However, any waiver granted by the Board of Education pursuant to this subdivision shall only apply to the opening date for those schools where such dependent programs are provided;

3. A school division is providing its students, in the school year for which the waiver is sought, with an experimental or innovative program which requires an earlier opening date than that established in subsection A of this section and which has been approved by the Department of Education pursuant to the regulations of the Board of Education establishing standards for accrediting public schools. However, any waiver or extension of the school year granted by the Board of Education pursuant to this subdivision or its standards for accrediting public schools for such an experimental or innovative program shall only apply to the opening date for those schools where such experimental or innovative programs are offered generally to the student body of the school. For the purposes of this subdivision, experimental or innovative programs shall include instructional programs that are offered on a year-round basis by the school division in one or more of its elementary or middle or high schools; or

4. A school division is entirely surrounded by a school division that has an opening date prior to Labor Day in the school year for which the waiver is sought. Such school division may open schools on the same opening date as the surrounding school division....

The Board of Education will consider the following guidelines in approving requests of local school boards to open one or more schools prior to Labor Day.

### **Waiver by Superintendent on Board's Behalf**

The Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the authority to approve, on its behalf, a local school board's request for a waiver to open all schools in the division prior to Labor Day if the school division meets one of the following good cause requirements of subsection § 22.1-79.1 B.

- The school division has been closed an average of eight days per year during any five of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations. (§ 22.1-79.1 B. 1)
- The school division is entirely surrounded by a school division that has an opening date prior to Labor Day in the school year for which the waiver is sought. Such school division may open schools on the same opening date as the surrounding school division. (§ 22.1-79.1 B. 4)

### **Waiver by Board of Education Action**

The Board of Education will consider a local school board's request for a waiver to open one or more schools in its division prior to Labor Day if one of the following good cause requirements of subsection § 22.1-79.1.B. are met. The Board will not provide advisory opinions or hypothetical waivers. The local school board must certify that if granted a waiver, the division intends to provide the program in the school year for which the waiver is being sought.

- The school division is providing an instructional program or programs in the schools for which the waiver is requested, excluding *Virtual Virginia*, which are dependent on and provided in one or more schools of another school division that qualifies for a waiver to open prior to Labor Day. Any waiver granted by the Board of Education pursuant to this provision shall *only* apply to the opening date for those schools where such dependent programs are provided. (§ 22.1-79.1 B. 2)
- The school division is providing its students with an experimental or innovative program, which *requires* the school to open prior to Labor Day. Any waiver granted by the Board of Education pursuant to this provision shall *only* apply to the opening date for those schools where such experimental or innovative programs are offered generally to the student body of the school. (§ 22.1-79.1 B. 3)

### **Experimental and Innovative Program Considerations**

- In accordance with § 22.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia, experimental or innovative programs shall include instructional programs which are offered on a year-round basis by a school division in one or more of its elementary, middle, or high schools.
- An *experimental program* is defined, for purposes of a waiver, as a program which is operated under controlled circumstances and which is designed to test and to establish, by objective

measures, the positive cognitive effect of an educational theory. The experimental program must be offered generally to the student body of the school.

- An *innovative program* is defined, for purposes of a waiver, as an educational program that implements creative, original, or new ideas or methods and are likely to result in better outcomes for student participants. The innovative program must be offered generally to the student body of the school.
- Any experimental or innovative program must ensure parental and community involvement.

### **Application for Waiver**

1. The initial request for a waiver to approve an experimental or innovative program, including a year-round school program, shall be submitted to the Board of Education for approval. Once the initial approval is granted by the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is hereby delegated authority to continue to approve the waiver in subsequent years, unless the Board places conditions or time limits on its approval, or unless the Superintendent determines that the conditions under which the approval was granted to the local school board are changed.
2. The local school board shall submit annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction certification of eligibility for a waiver of the “good cause” requirements of § 22.1-79.1, *Code of Virginia*. Such certification shall be made in a manner prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. School divisions must maintain evidence that such “good cause” conditions have been met.
3. To request approval of a waiver for weather-related or other emergency conditions, the local school board shall submit information annually indicating that the school division has been closed for an average of eight days per year in any five of the past ten years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency conditions.
4. To request initial approval of a waiver to open before Labor Day by a school division that is completely surrounded by another school division that has been approved for a waiver, the school division shall submit the request to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by letter signed by the superintendent and the chairman of the local school board. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall determine that the school division is completely surrounded by another school division, and that the other school division has been granted a waiver to open before Labor Day. Once the initial waiver is granted, the local school board shall submit information annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction indicating that the conditions under which a waiver was granted have not changed.
5. To request approval of a waiver for a dependent program, the local school board shall submit information annually indicating that each school for which a waiver is requested provides an instructional program, excluding Virtual Virginia, which is dependent upon a school in another division that qualifies for a waiver.
6. To request initial approval of a waiver for a pre-Labor Day opening for an experimental or innovative program, the local school division shall submit such request to the Board of Education on a form prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction at least 180 calendar days prior to the expected implementation date. Such a request shall set forth a thorough

explanation of the experimental or innovative program as well as the specific reasons that would compel a pre-Labor Day opening. The Department is available throughout the application process to provide technical assistance to the applicant. The following procedures apply to the initial application for experimental or innovative programs:

- a. The experimental or innovative program must be approved by the Board pursuant to its *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* at 8 VAC 20-131-290. The request must include:
  - 1) The names of the participating schools and the school division requesting the waiver.
  - 2) The purpose and objectives of the experimental/innovative/year-round program:  
Describe how the school meets the definition of experimental or innovative or year-round school and its goals and objectives. Include the title of the program or activity, a program description, the rationale for the program, the number and names of all schools involved, the names of any other organizations, including colleges, universities, and other postsecondary organizations and community organizations that are involved in the program, the grades served, the names of any other school divisions involved in the program, and other relevant information.
  - 3) An explanation of the necessity for opening prior to Labor Day, including the proposed school year calendar's opening and closing dates as well as a general description of the school calendar and duration of the waiver. This explanation must show that this request meets the "good cause" requirements of §22.1-79.1. B.3, *Code of Virginia*.
  - 4) Anticipated outcomes, including an explanation as to why it is believed the program will be a success.
  - 5) Number of students affected, including demographic information describing the students who will be attending and the community the school serves.
  - 6) Evaluation procedures including mechanisms for measuring goals and objectives, and analysis of data, to determine how this program will support an expected increase in proficiency in student academic achievement and any achievement gap.
  - 7) Other anticipated outcomes.
  - 8) Any other information that will support the request for a Pre-Labor Day waiver.

Each pre-Labor Day waiver request must be approved by the local school board and signed and dated by the chairman of the school board and the school superintendent and forwarded to Superintendent of Public Instruction.

- b. Any waiver or extension of the school year granted by the Board pursuant to the experimental or innovative program provisions contained in § 22.1-79.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, or the Board's *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* shall apply only to the opening date for those schools where such experimental or innovative programs are offered generally to the student body of the school.
- c. To request approval of a waiver for a pre-Labor Day opening for an experimental or innovative program subsequent to the Board of Education's initial approval, unless the Board of Education has specified conditions under which the waiver request must go back to the Board for approval, or the Superintendent determines that the conditions under which the initial approval was granted to the local school board have changed, the local school board shall submit information annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction as part of the pre-Labor Day waiver self-certification process for public schools with pre-Labor Day

waivers. The submission shall include evidence of the results achieved throughout the experimental or innovative program in prior years.

### **Reports to the Board of Education**

- The Board of Education may request that the Superintendent of Public Instruction provide a report to the Board regarding the status of certifications submitted and waivers granted under the above-stated policies. Such report shall be provided in a manner and at a time as agreed to by the Superintendent and the President of the Board and shall include information deemed pertinent by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Any information required to be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a pre-Labor Day waiver shall be submitted to the:

Office of Policy  
Virginia Department of Education  
P.O. Box 2120  
Richmond, VA 23218-2120  
[Policy@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Policy@doe.virginia.gov)  
804-225-2092



# LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ashburn, Virginia 20148

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

March 12, 2014

Mr. Christian N. Braunlich  
President  
Virginia Board of Education  
P.O. Box 2120  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Mr. Braunlich:

On behalf of Loudoun County School Board, I am writing to request that the State Board of Education consider and approve at its earliest convenience the enclosed waiver so as to permit the opening of the Middleburg Community Charter School on August 4, 2014, which is prior to Labor Day and to allow for an extended school year. To the best of my knowledge, the Middleburg Community Charter School, that was recently approved (with conditions) will be the first public charter school in Northern Virginia and only the second elementary charter school in the Commonwealth.

The Middleburg Community Charter School charter application was submitted to the Loudoun County School Board on August 13, 2013, and the School Board voted on September 10, 2013, to initiate the application subject to subsequent review and approval by the School Board.

At the meeting of February 11, 2014, the School Board, after having issuing prior statutory notice, received public comment and input concerning the application. In addition, a Select Committee of the School Board held public meetings and took public input concerning the application, considered and discussed the application and reported to the School Board at the February 11, 2014, School Board meeting.

The School Board gave further consideration to the application at its meeting of February 25, 2014, and at its Work Session on February 26, 2014. At the March 4, 2014, School Board meeting, the School Board conditionally approved the application for a conversion charter school subject to the negotiation of a charter school contract and lease upon the terms expressed by the School Board and also approved the State Waiver Request.

Mr. Christian N. Braunlich

March 12, 2014

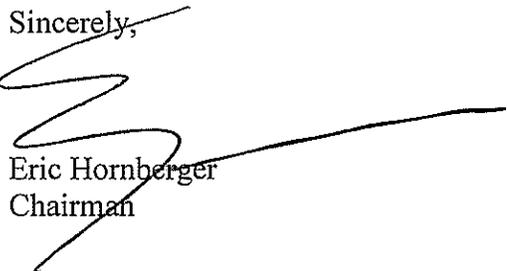
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The charter school will:

- operate on a modified school year calendar, shortening summer learning loss and increasing learning time for students during fall and spring intercessions resulting in continuous learning throughout the year.
- offer multi-age/grade interdisciplinary learning with quarterly thematic units to help bring students to a new awareness of the meaningful connections that exist among the disciplines. The thematic units will present content, skills and thinking processes, and assessments through the exploration of connections among the disciplines.
- connect professional learning with the school calendar by offering professional learning during early release days, thus, reducing the days teachers are away from instructional time.
- provide block planning time for weekly Professional Learning Communities focused on student achievement and professional growth.
- be located in the current facility of the Middleburg Elementary School within the Town of Middleburg that has been the location of a continuously operating public elementary school for well over a hundred years.

Once the charter school contract and lease have been signed, I will forward those documents to you for your information and background. The Loudoun County School Board believes that this charter school will serve well the education of the students located in a rural area of our school division. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Eric Hornberger  
Chairman

Enclosure

1. State Waiver Request

cc: Dr. Patricia I. Wright, Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Dr. Edgar B. Hatrick, III, Division Superintendent  
Mr. David Quanbeck, Applicant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
P.O. Box 2120  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23218-2120

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN ACCREDITING STANDARDS  
AND/OR APPROVAL  
OF AN INNOVATIVE OR EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

The *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia*, 8 VAC 20-131-10 et seq. sets the minimum standards public schools must meet to be accredited by the Board of Education. Accreditation of public schools is required by the Standards of Quality (§§ 22.1-253.13:1 et seq.). The annual accrediting cycle for public schools is July 1 through June 30.

This cover sheet, with the supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Department of Education for review and recommendation to the Board at least 90 days prior to the beginning of an accrediting cycle or the proposed implementation of the program or activity that precipitates the request for the waiver. The types of waivers available and the corresponding section of the standards are indicated below. Please attach additional sheets or information deemed appropriate. (The Board will consider this request in its monthly meeting and school divisions are required to appear before the board in person or electronically to explain a waiver request.)

SCHOOL DIVISION Loudoun County School Division

TITLE OF PROGRAM/ACTIVITY Modified School Year Calendar-2014-15

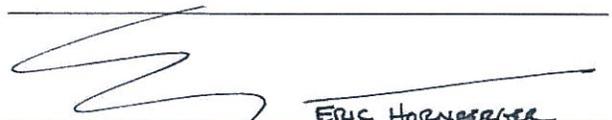
TYPE OF APPROVAL REQUESTED:

- Approval of an Alternative to the Standard School Year and School Day (8 VAC 20-131-150)
- Approval of an Alternative Accreditation Plan (8 VAC 20-131-280.D)
- Approval of an Experimental Program (§ 22.1-79.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and 8 VAC 20-131-290.D)
- Approval of an Innovative Program (§ 22.1-79.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and 8 VAC 20-131-290.D)
- Approval of a Waiver of Other Provision(s) of the Standards (8 VAC 20-131-350)  
(Complete Pages 1 and 3 of the application only.)

SCHOOL OR SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM/ACTIVITY

Middleburg Community Charter School

March 4, 2014  
Date Approved  
by the Local School Board

  
Signature  
Chairman of the School Board

3/14/14  
Submission Date

  
Signature  
Division Superintendent

SCHOOL DIVISION Loudoun County School Division

TITLE OF PROGRAM/ACTIVITY Middleburg Community Charter School with a Modified School Year Calendar

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IF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS EXPERIMENTAL OR INNOVATIVE, FOR EACH SCHOOL EXPLAIN HOW THIS IS SO AND PROVIDE A PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF PROGRAM, ITS PURPOSE, THE GRADES SERVED, DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION DESCRIBING THE STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING, THE RATIONALE FOR THE PROGRAM, THE PROGRAM'S GOALS, EVALUATION PROCEDURES, AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.

This request is for an approval for the Middleburg Community Charter School to open school prior to Labor Day. The waiver request is based upon academic reasons to help the school meet federal and state standards.

The school will:

- operate on a Modified school year calendar, shortening summer learning loss and increasing learning time for students during fall and spring intercessions resulting in continuous learning throughout the year.
- offer multi-age/grade interdisciplinary learning with quarterly thematic units to help bring students to a new awareness of the meaningful connections that exist among the disciplines. The thematic units will present content, skills and thinking processes, and assessments through the exploration of connections among the disciplines.
- connect professional learning with the school calendar by offering professional learning during early release days, thus, reducing the days teachers are away from instructional time.
- provide block planning time for weekly Professional Learning Communities focused on student achievement and professional growth.

Middleburg Elementary School experiences ongoing School Board discussions about the closure of the school as a result of low enrollment. The enrollment has been reduced to 59 students; whereas the building capacity is 137. There is a rich history and tradition to Middleburg Elementary School; however, many families in the community choose not to attend because of the constant discussions about closing the school. With community and parent support, the Loudoun County Public School has approved the community's application to open Middleburg Community Charter School in the 2014-15 school year.

The creation of the Middleburg Community Charter School with a modified school year calendar meets Loudoun County and Middleburg Community's need for a community based elementary school that develops the whole child, promotes diversity, and levels economic barriers through innovative education approaches that have proven successful in other states and school systems. Currently, the student population includes 19 percent Blacks, 32 percent Hispanic, and 49 percent White. Fifty-five percent of Middleburg Elementary School students are eligible for free and reduced price meals. The Middleburg Community Charter School plans to continue to educate the current student population as well as other students in the county seeking enrollment in the charter school.

DOES THE PROGRAM REQUIRE THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOLS REFERENCED IN THIS APPLICATION TO OPEN PRIOR TO LABOR DAY?

X YES  NO.

IF YES, EXPLAIN WHY.

Section 22.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia prohibits local school boards from adopting a school calendar that requires schools to open prior to Labor Day unless a waiver is granted by the Virginia Board of Education for "good cause." The conditions under which the State Board of Education may grant such waivers are outlined in the Code. The School Board of Loudoun County Public Schools is requesting a waiver for Middleburg Community Charter School to open school prior to Labor Day. Approval of the request will allow the charter school to operate under a modified school year calendar, opening August 4, 2014, thus, shortening summer learning loss and providing continuous learning throughout the year.

The approval of a year round school year calendar will result in the following for students and the entire school learning community:

- Increased learning time for students
- Continuous learning throughout the year
- Shortened summer learning loss
- Increased professional learning for instructional staff
- Remediation/pre-teach concepts/accelerate learning immediately following 1st and 3rd grading periods during inter sessions

The year round calendar with intersession breaks will require Middleburg Community Charter School to open prior to Labor Day, more specifically-August 4, 2014. (Please see the calendar attached.)

IF THE PROGRAM IS EXPERIMENTAL, FOR THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOLS REFERENCED IN THIS APPLICATION INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT EXPLAINS WHY THERE IS REASON TO EXPECT THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

This program is not experimental. It is an innovative way to deliver instruction throughout the year resulting in continuous learning.

The uniqueness of this request is to move from a traditional calendar to a modified school year calendar, opening school in August instead of after Labor Day. The instructional program will be delivered in multi-grade interdisciplinary yearly thematic units continuing to emphasize the standards of learning through a rigorous and engaging curriculum. Students will be evaluated through both formative and summative assessments. Data results will drive the instructional program thus resulting in improved student achievement. The Early Release days built into the modified school year calendar will afford teachers professional development opportunities to address best practices to meet the needs of all students.

DESCRIBE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM FOR EACH SCHOOL.

With the implementation of the modified school year calendar, Middleburg Community Charter School anticipates and expects increased student achievement for all students using ongoing and quarterly assessments. The student data will drive the delivery of instruction including adjustments as needed. The school will be fully accredited and meet or exceed the AMO requirements for the 2014-15 school year. Additionally, during the professional learning days and weekly PLCs, the instructional staff will enhance their knowledge and skills in delivering the core curriculum, resulting in rigorous and engaging learning for the students.

Using the following assessments and the VDOE Standards of Learning to guide the instructional program, students will be assessed at the beginning, quarterly, and end of each school year to measure academic growth.

- PALS (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Writing Samples (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- DRA
- Quarterly Benchmark Assessments in Math and Reading
- Content quizzes and tests
- Student portfolios

Surveys will be conducted to assess the opinions of the staff, family, and community. Results of the student assessments and surveys will guide the school staff in developing the yearly school improvement plan.

# Middleburg Community Charter School

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June 2015						
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21	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	27
28	SB	SB				

Yellow = Days students are in school/ Amarillo = Hay Escuela.

Students in school  
Dia de clases

Summer Break - School Closed  
Vacacion del verano-Escuela cerrada

Intersession/optional enrollment  
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GPD = Grade Preparation Day  
No school/ No hay Escuela

No School-Vacation Day  
No hay clases-vacacions

Middleburg Learning Day and Night

Teacher Work Day  
Dia de trabajo para maestros

Back to school night  
Noche de Bienvenida a la Escuela

Parent/Teacher Conferences-Students in School  
Conferencias de padres y maestros

Teacher Inservice/no school  
Servicio para profesoras

First/Last Days of School  
Primer/Ultimo dia de escuela

Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School