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Utah State Charter School Board
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Ref. R277-553-3 (6)

Dear Utah State Charter School Board,

Athenian eAcademy requests a single extension of six months in order to complete the terms of the Probation status of March 11, 2019 citing the following deficiencies:

1. Low academic performance
2. Board governance issues

This letter is consistent with R 277-553-3 (6) which states that "a school may request a single extension of no more than six months from an authorizer to comply with the terms of the written plan."

As of March 2, 2020, nine of the eighteen terms of probation have been successfully met and compliance has been achieved with the additional board governance and school leadership terms since December 2019.

Athenian eAcademy requests this extension for the following reasons:

- a. The board and key leadership positions, including the CEO and Board Chairman, have changed as of December 2019, effectively making an entirely new leadership team who are working diligently to quickly come into compliance with the terms of the probation letter.
- b. Due to the reconstitution of the leadership team, we are working to recover lost time and are consolidating our efforts to achieve the necessary results in compliance with the probation letter and the School Turnaround process for the State Board of Education.
- c. Beginning December 2019, Athenian eAcademy has been working closely with the State Board of Education approved consulting company, regarding the implementation of the School Improvement Plan, with a specific focus on increasing academic performance.

In order to give the new board and the CEO/Superintendent the time to address the outstanding terms of probation, as well as to work with the State Board of Education's turnaround process, Athenian eAcademy is officially requesting an extension of six months.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Bateman
Chairman of the Board
Athenian eAcademy Charter School

cc: Jared Ferguson, CEO/Superintendent
School Board