



State Charter School Board Action Summary

Charter School: **Freedom Preparatory Academy-Washington Campus (Satellite)**

Action: **Readiness to open for fall 2021.**

Context of the School: Freedom Preparatory Academy (FPA) was approved to open a satellite campus in January 2020, to operate in St. George, Utah within the Washington County School District Boundaries. The first school year would be 2021-2022.

The mission of school is:

Prepare all students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in their path.

Satellite school serves grades K-5, with a maximum enrollment of 600.

Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
21-22	75	75	75	50	50	50	375
22-23	75	75	75	75	50	50	400
23-24	100	75	75	75	75	50	450

Background of the Issue: A Readiness to Open Review is required for each new or satellite school per the SCSB’s timeline in alignment with R277-552.

Concerns:

1. FPA is not on track with enrollment, per the SCSB Readiness to Open requirements.
 - The target for opening is that the school has at least 75% of authorized max students enrolled, or 100% of breakeven. Even using the 21-22 max of 375, rather than the overall max authorized of 600, the school is below this target.
 - School currently has 100 students enrolled. To meet the requirement they should have 282 students enrolled.
 - FPA did not provide a breakeven number for consideration.

Task	Completed	Notes
Enrolled at least 75% of authorized: Year 1: $375 \times 0.75 = 282$ students, school currently has 100 students enrolled, which is 27% of authorized.	No	Did not provide breakeven number



2. FPA is not on track with hiring, per the SCSB Readiness to Open requirements.
- The target for opening is that the school has at least 85% of staff hired.
 - FPA states they are still needing to hire two kindergarten, one 1st grade and two 2nd grade teachers. Based on their satellite application, they are estimated to have 67% of staff hired, which is below the target.

Task	Completed	Notes
Hired at least 85% of staff	No	Difficult to assess based on information FPA has provided.

3. All other Readiness to Open requirements appear to be met or on track to being met.

Task	Completed	Notes
Background checks complete for all board members, on file available if requested	Yes	
Signed Charter Agreement with Exhibit A	Yes	
Facility financing contract or lease uploaded into UCAP	Yes	
Construction nearing completion	On-track	Anticipated Occupancy: August 1
Satellite Campus included on website, has required information	Yes	
Adopted the school calendar in an open meeting and submitted to USBE	Yes	