



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Office of School Accountability
Date: June 1, 2022
Re: Freeway Contract Amendment for Al-Haqq Foundation Academy

Background

Al-Haqq Foundation Academy is a freeway-accredited nonpublic school operating in Indianapolis, Indiana. The school currently serves students in prekindergarten through grade 5. The school requests that the Indiana State Board of Education (Board) agree to revise its current freeway contract to expand the grades of service to incorporate grades 6, 7, and 8.

Basis of Review

Pursuant to IC 20-26-15-1 *et seq.*, school corporations or individual schools may seek freeway accreditation by petitioning the Board. The petition submitted by the school corporation or school must agree to abide by the legal requirements set forth in IC 20-26-15. If the Board votes to approve the freeway petition, the parties must enter into a freeway contract (Contract). Per IC 20-26-15-9, the governing body of a freeway school and the Board “acting jointly” may amend a contract:

- 1) To comply with any law enacted subsequent to the formation of the contract;
- 2) To alter the educational benefits to a level that is not below the minimum educational benefits listed in section 7 of this chapter; or
- 3) For a purpose jointly agreed to by the parties.

Al-Haqq Foundation Academy’s Request to Amend the Freeway Contract

In the immediate matter, Al-Haqq Foundation Academy has requested that the Board approve an amendment to its Contract to expand its program to include grades 6, 7, and 8. The basis for the request is to continue serving students attending the school as they progress to grades not covered by its current program.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Al-Haqq Foundation Academy’s request to amend the Contract be granted and approved by the Board.