

Hózhó Academy Charter School

Amendment Analyses- Additional Square Footage and School Relocation
Charter School Division (CSD)

Public Education Commission (PEC) Meeting- July 21, 2023

Hózhó Academy Charter School requests to amend the school's charter contract via two (2) amendment requests: Additional Square Footage and School Relocation. Located in Gallup, New Mexico, and currently serving grades K-9, Hózhó Academy submits these amendments as part of plans to support the current and future growth of the elementary and middle-grade student populations and the expansion of grades 9-12.

Additional Square Footage Amendment

Hózhó Academy reports they are engaging with Central Consolidated Schools to secure 6 to 10 portables for additional classroom space at their current location, 515 Park Ave, Gallup, NM. Hózhó expects to procure and place the portables by late Fall 2023. The school reports that this addition will not affect the current lease; a lease-to-purchase agreement is also not expected. The school explains that they will finalize the project when all necessary documentation for the Additional Square Footage Amendment request is received by CSD and approved by the PEC.

School Relocation Amendment

As a result of its plans to add additional square footage and further expand the grade levels served, Hózhó submitted a School Relocation Amendment request. Approval of this request will enable Hózhó to temporarily relocate teachers and students in grades 7 and 8 (approximately 125 students) to the school's previous location at 306 NM State Rd 564, Gallup, NM, 1.2 miles from the main campus. The projected duration of the relocation is 1-2 semesters, depending upon the installation timeline for the portables. This temporary relocation, the school reports, will enable a safer, smoother installation of the portables and transition process for all affected school stakeholders. Additionally, the school explains that students in grades 7-8 will continue to arrive on the main campus for daily assemblies, which CSD recognizes is an integral component of the Hózhó Academy school culture, and depart by bus to 306 NM State Rd 564 for classes; round trip bussing will be available. Hózhó further explains that the landlord for the current main campus is the same for the location at 306 NM State Rd 564; the use of this location will not affect the school's current lease. Hózhó Academy offers additional assurances that the school will not occupy 306 NM State Rd 564 until the school holds the appropriate Certificate of Occupancy, possesses a New Mexico Condition Index (NMCI) letter from the PSFA, and presents documentation of load capacity and a fully executed lease, to be provided to the PEC.

CSD Recommendation

The Charter School Division (CSD) recommends approval of the *School Relocation Amendment Request* at this time. CSD will consider the *Additional Square Footage Amendment Request* upon receipt of additional documentation and present our analysis and recommendation at a future PEC meeting.