16 NCAC 06G.0512 is proposed for adoption as follows:

**FAST TRACK REPLICATION OF HIGH QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS – PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS**

(a) Purpose

(1) A charter school model that has been successfully implemented in North Carolina or elsewhere should serve as a platform on which additional schools could and should operate. Accordingly, the State Board of Education (SBE) may, in certain well-defined instances, grant permission for a non-profit corporation board of directors (board) to replicate either its own successful model, or to employ an educational management company (EMO) or a charter management organization (CMO) to replicate a successful model currently being operated under the management of the EMO or CMO. The SBE may also, in certain well-defined instances, grant permission for a non-profit corporation board to “fast track” such a replication by foregoing the planning year normally required for newly-approved charter applicants. These Rules outline the criteria and process by which the SBE may authorize fast-track replication.

(2) Nothing in these Rules shall be construed to prohibit a North Carolina non-profit corporation board that seeks to replicate another charter school from doing so through the regular application process and, upon approval, receiving the planning year trainings from NCDPI.

(b) Definitions

(1) “Charter school model” or “model” mean the core mission and function of a charter school, including its governance, its curriculum, its organizational structure, its targeted population, and other key characteristics of the school, such as small class size, thematic academics, extended day, etc.

(2) “Replication” means the act of copying, recreating, or repeating, in this case a successful charter school model. A “replication” would require the utilization of one charter school “model” to form the creation of a new charter school.

(3) “Fast-Track Replication” is a special form of replication in which the approved applicant foregoes the planning year normally required of new charter school applicants. The “fast-track” applicant will still be required to participate in a one-day basic training workshop that will be provided by the Department of Public Instruction. The State Board of Education shall make final decisions regarding "fast track" replication applications in less than 120 days from the application submission.

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