

Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President
State Board of Education

Mark Murphy, Secretary of Education
Delaware Department of Education

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Dear Dr. Gray and Secretary Murphy,

I am writing to offer my support for the modification application for the Academy of Dover (AOD). The modification of AOD's charter would allow the school the ability to offer 5th grade to its students, thereby making the school K – 5. This configuration would be an incredible help for the children and parents of AOD that have to make decisions on where to send their children for, in some cases, just one year. This can cause an incredible hardship for students as it is an extra transition time that they would not have to endure if AOD included 5th grade at their school.

This past year, AOD 3rd grade students did exceedingly well on DCAS scoring 79% proficient in both English and Math compared to the State average of 75.51% (English) and 76.78% (Math) proficient. I am eager to see this year's scores and the continued progress at AOD. I believe that adding 5th grade will be an asset that will help AOD continue to move forward for the children that they serve.

Best,

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Executive Director
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cc: Noel Rodriguez, Academy of Dover