



**Sheila C. “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy Charter
Local Impact Analysis for Charter Major Amendment Request
Local Community: Statewide
July 16, 2021**

Proposal Overview

Proposed Charter Overview			
Charter Type:	Independent	Year First Opened:	2013
Location of School(s):	Providence	Currently Approved Grades and Seats:	Grades 9-12 160 seats in Providence, 80 seats in East Providence, 80 seats in Warwick
Enrolling Communities:	Statewide	Total New Seats Requested:	0 This serves as a major amendment request to consolidate the 80 seats from East Providence and the 80 seats from Warwick into one location in Providence

Summary of Proposal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheila C. “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy submitted a major amendment to their charter, consolidating their full approved enrollment of 320 students at their Providence campus. The school is currently approved to serve 160 students at their Providence campus and is approved to serve 80 students at an East Providence campus and 80 students at a Warwick campus. The school will continue to draw students at a statewide scale.

Current Approved Enrollment and Major Amendment Request				
Year	Current Grades	Total Approved Enrollment (Providence Campus)	Proposed Grades Added/Changed	Proposed Enrollment after Major Amendment (Providence Campus)
2021-22	Grades 9-12	160	N/A	180
2022-23	Grades 9-12	160	N/A	220



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Year	Current Grades	Total Approved Enrollment (Providence Campus)	Proposed Grades Added/Changed	Proposed Enrollment after Major Amendment (Providence Campus)
2023-24	Grades 9-12	160	N/A	280
2024-25 (at scale)	Grades 9-12	160	N/A	320



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Major Amendment Request Detail			
LEA	Currently Approved Enrollment (Providence Campus)	Current % of Total Charter Approved Enrollment	Projected Net Increase in Students from Major Amendment at scale (Providence Campus)
Nowell	160	-	+160
Enrolling Communities			
Central Falls	16	10%	+16
Cranston	3	2%	+2
North Providence	1	1%	-
Pawtucket	26	16%	+18
Providence	107	67%	+124
Woonsocket	7	4%	-

Enrollment Assumptions & Comparisonⁱ

Demographics of Enrolling Communities				
LEA	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Multi-Lingual Learners	% Differently-abled students	% Minority students
Nowell	95.2	31.9	20	88.1
State	47.7	10.7	15.7	44.8
Projected Enrolling Communities				
Central Falls	95.0	48.0	20.8	85.7
Cranston	43.1	7.4	15.3	50.1
North Providence	46.6	4.7	17.0	43.7



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Pawtucket	72.4	15.0	17.1	63.9
Providence	84.5	33.1	14.7	91.8
Woonsocket	74.5	9.9	28.3	55.1

How does the charter’s projected enrollment fit within the overall portfolio of enrolling districts?						
Enrollment Category	CF	Cran.	N. Prov.	Pawt.	Prov.	Woon.
Total # of students enrolled in each district	2,878	10,302	3584	8,730	23,836	5,984
Nowell’s at-scale enrollment as a % of each enrolling community’s enrollment	1.1	0.05	0.03	0.5	1.0	0.1
Total # of students residing in each enrolling community	4,534	11,379	4052	11,052	29,650	6,762
Nowell’s at-scale enrollment as a % of total # of students residing in each enrolling community	0.7	0.04	0.02	0.4	0.8	0.1

Educational & Programmatic Impact Analysisⁱⁱ

2019 SAT 11th Grade Performance Comparison with Charter, District, and State Results

SAT Results	English Language Arts		Mathematics	
	Average Scale Score	% Students Meets/Exceeds	Average Scale Score	% Students Meets/Exceeds
Nowell	355	**	348	**
State	483	50.5	474	31.2
Central Falls	390	14.1	386	6.1



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Cranston	474	49.1	458	23.8
North Providence	481	49.6	472	26.1
Pawtucket	424	27.8	414	9.4
Providence	425	25.5	414	14.8
Woonsocket	442	33.1	420	12.5

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2019 SAT Subgroup Performance Comparison

SAT Results Demographic Breakdown	English Language Arts (% Meets/Exceeds)				Mathematics (% Meets/Exceeds)			
	All	Econ Dis- adv.	Multi-Lin- gual	Differently- abled	All	Econ Dis- adv.	Multi-Lin- gual	Differently- abled
Nowell	**	**	*	*	**	*	*	*
State	50.5	30	7.93	9.1	31.2	13.5	6.28	5.02
Central Falls	14.1	12.6	**	**	6.1	5.8	**	**
Cranston	49.1	32.0	**	10.5	23.8	13.9	**	**
North Providence	49.6	39.1	*	**	26.1	17.4	*	**
Pawtucket	27.8	25.3	**	**	9.4	6.3	**	**
Providence	17.22	15.2	5.5	11.4	11.92	10.4	**	**
Woonsocket	33.1	22.6	**	7.8	12.5	6.2	**	**



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Student Demand Analysis for Grade 9-12 Charter Seats ^{vi}							
	Nowell	CF	Cran.	N. Prov.	Pawt.	Prov.	Woon.
Number of 2020-21 Charter Applications by community for grades 9-12:	102	624	156	32	720	2,048	110
Number of 2020-21 Charter Seats Offered by community for grades 9-12:	34	86	47	*	98	266	17
What % of 2020-21 grades 9-12 lottery applicants by community were offered a seat?	33.3%	14%	30%	-	14%	13%	15%



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Fiscal Impact Analysis

Educational funding dollars follow each child to the school of their choice. The following analysis projects the total amount of funding that would follow students to the school of their choice, commensurate with the size of the requested major amendment.

FY2024-25 (When Nowell is at-scale under the Major Amendment Request) Pupil Funding Projections					
LEA	Projected Net Increase in Students from Major Amendment at scale (Providence Campus)	Projected per-pupil Local Share Funding for each student	Projected per-pupil total funding (local+state+ federal) for each student	Projected Total Pupil Funding, commensurate with the Major Amendment Request	Projected Total Withholding for Fixed or Unique Costs (to district)
Central Falls	+16	\$2,729 per-pupil	\$18,004 per-pupil	\$288,064	\$3,280
Cranston	+2	\$8,374 per-pupil	\$17,040 per-pupil	\$34,080	\$1,260
Pawtucket	+18	\$2,829 per-pupil	\$16,542 per-pupil	\$297,756	\$3,834
Providence	+124	\$4,628 per-pupil	\$19,034 per-pupil	\$2,360,216	\$39,804

Key implication: RIDE projects on an annual basis by FY2024-25, commensurate with the major amendment requested by Nowell at-scale, total funding of \$2,980,116 to be generated by students across Rhode Island. RIDE projects this \$2,980,116 to be generated by students distributed as projected in Nowell’s major amendment proposal. Students from Providence would generate over 79% of the \$2,980,116. Students from each respective remaining community would all generate less than 11% per community of the \$2,980,116.

These projections reflect no net increase in the number of students from Woonsocket, Barrington, East Greenwich, East Providence, Lincoln, or North Providence. Total enrollment from these districts projects to eight total students in FY 2024-25.

ⁱ Enrollment Assumptions and Comparison based off 10/1/19 reported data publicly available through RIDE’s FRED database.

ⁱⁱ Academic Outcome data is based off published assessment results for 2019 available through the public Rhode Island Assessment Data Portal. *Data is suppressed to ensure confidentiality because the minimum reporting size requirement (10 students) is not met. **Data is suppressed to ensure confidentiality because greater than 95% of students did not meet expectations.