



**Achievement First Rhode Island**  
**Local Impact Analysis for Charter Expansion Request**  
**Local Community: Cranston, North Providence, Providence, Warwick**

**Proposal Overview**

<b>Proposed Charter Overview</b>			
Charter Type:	Mayoral	Year First Opened:	2013-14
Location of School(s):	Providence, Cranston	Current Grade Levels:	K-8
Enrolling Communities:	Providence, North Providence, Cranston, Warwick	Currently Approved Grade Levels:	K-12
Total New Seats Requested:	2,628 Across two K-8 schools and one High School	Currently Approved Seats:	3,112 Across three K-8 schools and one High School

<b>Summary of Proposal</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes adding two K-8 campuses and one high school (9-12)</li> <li>AFRI opened as a Rhode Island Mayoral Academy in August 2013, and has expanded to include three elementary schools and two middle schools in its portfolio</li> <li>For SY2020-21, AFRI received 4,373 applications for 526 open seats in grades K-8</li> <li>The expansion would begin in SY2021-22 with 186 in new K-1 grades.</li> </ul>

<b>Current Approved Enrollment and Expansion Request</b>				
Year	Current Schools/Grades	Total Approved Enrollment	Proposed Expansion Schools/Grades	Proposed Expansion Enrollment
2021-22	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-7 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-2 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9	2,047	K-8 (#4), Grades K-1	186
2022-23	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-3 High School (PMA), Providence, Grade 9-10	2,368	K-8 (#4), Grades K-2 K-8 (#5), Grades K-1	465
2023-24	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-4 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-11	2,582	K-8 (#4), Grades K-3 K-8 (#5), Grades K-2	651
2024-25	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-5 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	2,806	K-8 (#4), Grades K-4 K-8 (#5), Grades K-3	837



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2025-26	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-6 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	2,908	K-8 (#4), Grades K-5 K-8 (#5), Grades K-4	1,032
2026-27	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-7 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	3,010	K-8 (#4), Grades K-6 K-8 (#5), Grades K-5	1,236
2027-28	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-8 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	3,112	K-8 (#4), Grades K-7 K-8 (#5), Grades K-6	1,440
2028-29	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-8 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	3,112	K-8 (#4), Grades K-8 K-8 (#5), Grades K-7 Additional Seats to HS PMA	1,644 Additional to HS PMA: 100
2029-30	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-8 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	3,112	K-8 (#4), Grades K-8 K-8 (#5), Grades K-8 HS RI, Grade 9 Additional Seats to HS PMA	1,841 Additional to HS #1: 185
2030-31	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-8 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	3,112	K-8 (#4), Grades K-8 K-8 (#5), Grades K-8 HS RI, Grade 9-10 Additional Seats to HS PMA	1,995 Additional to HS #1: 263
2031-32	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-8 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	3,112	K-8 (#4), Grades K-8 K-8 (#5), Grades K-8 HS RI, Grade 9-11 Additional Seats to HS PMA	2,132 Additional to HS #1: 332
2032-33	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-8 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	3,112	K-8 (#4), Grades K-8 K-8 (#5), Grades K-8 HS RI, Grade 9-12 Additional Seats to HS PMA	2,255 Additional to HS #1: 332
2033-34	K-8 (#1) PMA, Grades K-8 K-8 (#2) Illuminar, Grades K-8 K-8 (#3) Promesa. Grades K-8 High School (#1), Providence, Grade 9-12	3,112	K-8 (#4), Grades K-8 K-8 (#5), Grades K-8 HS RI, Grade 9-12 Additional Seats to HS PMA	2,296 Additional to HS #1: 332



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### Enrollment Assumptions & Comparison<sup>i</sup>

Demographics of Enrolling Communities				
LEA	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Multi-Lingual Learners	% Differently-abled students	% Minority students
AFRI	65.4	24.7	6.9	96.2
State	47.7	10.7	15.7	44.8
Enrolling Communities				
Cranston	43.1	7.4	15.3	50.1
North Providence	46.6	4.7	17.0	43.7
Providence	84.5	33.1	14.7	91.8
Warwick	34.6	2.1	16.5	23.7

How does the charter's projected enrollment fit within the overall portfolio of enrolling districts?				
Enrollment Category	Cranston	N. Providence	Providence	Warwick
Total # of students enrolled in each district	10,302	3,584	23,836	8,591
AFRI's at-scale enrollment as a % of each enrolling community's enrollment	2.3%	2.9%	9.5%	0.3%
Total # of students residing in each enrolling community <sup>ii</sup>	11,379	4,052	29,650	9,910
AFRI's at-scale enrollment as a % of total # of students residing in each enrolling community	2.1%	2.6%	7.6%	0.3%

### Educational & Programmatic Impact Analysis<sup>iii</sup>

#### 2019 RICAS Grades 3-8 Performance Comparison

RICAS Results	English Language Arts						Mathematics					
	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8
Achievement First	63.7	58.2	36.2	62.5	-	-	52.8	62.8	41.5	52.4	-	-
Cranston	54.9	40.2	44.2	39.9	34.4	36.7	34.4	34.3	31.6	23.7	26.2	19
North Providence	45.3	33.3	36.3	46.6	42.7	47.4	34.4	24.8	25.1	26.8	24.2	30.3
Providence	26.4	15.2	19.9	18.0	8.6	14.9	17.0	14.1	12.9	12.2	8.03	7.04
Warwick	51.1	34.5	43.5	39.7	27.1	31.8	31.6	22.9	29.8	25.2	28.4	20.7
State	47.9	37.2	39.1	39.1	31.5	36.3	36.1	32.6	30.1	27.9	27.6	24.5



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### 2019 RICAS Subgroup Performance Comparison

RICAS Results All Tested Grades Demographic Breakdown	English Language Arts (% Meets/Exceeds)				Mathematics (% Meets/Exceeds)			
	All	Econ Disadv.	Multi- Lingual	Differently- abled	All	Econ Disadv.	Multi- Lingual	Differently -abled
Achievement First	57.1	54.4	41.1	10.3	54	52.7	38.9	15.4
Cranston	41.4	26.7	10.2	6	27.9	16.2	8.7	**
N. Providence	42.1	34.1	17.5	6.3	27.5	20.0	8.2	**
Providence	17.2	15.2	5.5	11.4	11.9	10.4	**	**
Warwick	37.9	28	13.1	**	26.5	16	19.1	**
State	36.5	22.5	7.9	6.1	29.8	15.7	6.3	5.0

*Achievement First Rhode Island's first year of high school grades will be 2021-22, thus there is not data to compare high school assessment performance.*

Student Demand Analysis for Grade K-12 Charter Seats <sup>iv</sup>					
	AFRI	Cranston	North Providence	Providence	Warwick
Number of 2020-21 Charter Applications by community for grades K-12:	4,958	790	330	11,776	205
Number of 2020-21 Charter Seats Offered by community for grades K-12:	446	84	31	948	17
What % of 2020-21 grades K-12 lottery applicants by community were offered a seat?	9%	11%	9%	8%	8%



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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 expansion.

	Projected Per-Pupil Funding			
	Cranston	N. Prov.	Prov.	Warwick
Local Share – Projected FY21 per-pupil funding for each resident student <sup>v</sup>	\$8,900	\$8,828	\$4,570	\$13,940
State Share – Projected FY21 per-pupil funding for each resident student <sup>vi</sup>	\$6,718	\$6,936	\$11,806	\$4,380
Federal Share – Projected FY21 per-pupil funding for each resident student <sup>vii</sup>	\$1,033	\$773	\$2,000	\$821
Projected FY21 total per-pupil funding for each resident Student (i.e. RIDE projects this amount of total local + state federal per-pupil funding for each Providence student in FY21)	\$16,651	\$16,537	\$18,376	\$19,141
Less: 7% withheld from the local share of per pupil funding per pupil for “fixed or unique” costs <sup>viii</sup>	\$623	\$954 & \$902 (retirement adjustment)	\$320	\$976
Local Share – Projected FY21 per-pupil funding for each resident student, less the 7% withheld for “fixed or unique” costs	\$8,277	\$6,972	\$4,250	\$12,964
Projected FY21 total per-pupil funding for each resident Student (excluding funds withheld for “fixed or unique costs”)	\$16,028	\$14,681	\$18,056	\$18,165

### Total Pupil Funding Projections, Commensurate with Expansion Proposal: Cranston

Fiscal Year	Proposed Expansion Projected Enrollment		Projected Total Local Share Pupil Funding commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Local Share Per Pupil Funding as % of local FY19 Total Expenditures <sup>ix</sup>	Projected Total Pupil Funding (Local+State+ Federal) commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Withholding for Fixed or Unique Costs (to district)
	Total	Cranston				
2021-22 (Year 1)	186	17	\$140,709	0.08%	\$272,476	\$10,591
2025-26 (5 years)	1,032	93	\$769,761	0.45%	\$1,490,604	\$57,939
2033-34 (at scale)	2,628	237	\$1,961,649	1.14%	\$3,798,636	\$147,651



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**Key implication:** RIDE projects on an annual basis by FY2033-34, commensurate with the new school proposal reaching full enrollment at-scale, total funding of \$3,798,636 to be generated by Cranston students. \$1,961,649 of this \$3,798,636 will be contributed through local share funding. This \$1,961,649 represents 1.14% of Cranston’s total reported FY19 expenditures.

### *Total Pupil Funding Projections, Commensurate with Expansion Proposal: North Providence*

Fiscal Year	Proposed Expansion Projected Enrollment		Projected Total Local Share Pupil Funding commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Local Share Per Pupil Funding as % of local FY19 Total Expenditures*	Projected Total Pupil Funding (Local+State+ Federal) commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Withholding for Fixed or Unique Costs (to district)
	Total	North Providence				
2021-22 (Year 1)	186	7	\$118,524	0.19%	\$249,577	\$31,552
2025-26 (5 years)	1,032	41	\$285,852	0.46%	\$601,921	\$76,096
2033-34 (at scale)	2,628	105	\$732,060	1.19%	\$1,541,505	\$194,880

**Key implication:** RIDE projects on an annual basis by FY2033-34, commensurate with the new school proposal reaching full enrollment at-scale, total funding of \$1,541,505 to be generated by North Providence. \$732,060 of this \$1,541,505 will be contributed through local share funding. This \$732,060 represents 1.19% of North Providence’s total reported FY19 expenditures.

### *Total Pupil Funding Projections, Commensurate with Expansion Proposal: Providence*

Fiscal Year	Proposed Expansion Projected Enrollment		Projected Total Local Share Pupil Funding commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Local Share Per Pupil Funding as % of local FY19 Total Expenditures <sup>xi</sup>	Projected Total Pupil Funding (Local+State+ Federal) commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Withholding for Fixed or Unique Costs (to district)
	Total	Providence				
2021-22 (Year 1)	186	160	\$680,000	0.16%	\$2,888,960	\$51,200
2025-26 (5 years)	1,032	888	\$3,774,000	0.86%	\$16,033,728	\$284,160
2033-34 (at scale)	2,628	2,260	\$9,605,000	2.19%	\$40,806,560	\$723,200

**Key implication:** RIDE projects on an annual basis by FY2033-34, commensurate with the new school proposal reaching full enrollment at-scale, total funding of \$40,806,560 to be generated by Providence students. \$9,605,000



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of this \$40,806,560 will be contributed through local share funding. This \$9,605,000 represents 2.19% of PPSD’s total reported FY19 expenditures.

### *Total Pupil Funding Projections, Commensurate with Expansion Proposal: Warwick*

Fiscal Year	Proposed Expansion Projected Enrollment		Projected Total Local Share Pupil Funding commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Local Share Per Pupil Funding as % of local FY19 Total Expenditures <sup>xii</sup>	Projected Total Pupil Funding (Local+State+ Federal) commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Withholding for Fixed or Unique Costs (to district)
	Total	Warwick				
2021-22 (Year 1)	186	2	\$25,928	0.01%	\$36,330	\$1,952
2025-26 (5 years)	1,032	10	\$129,640	0.07%	\$181,650	\$9,760
2033-34 (at scale)	2,628	26	\$337,064	0.19%	\$472,290	\$25,376

**Key implication:** RIDE projects on an annual basis by FY2033-34, commensurate with the new school proposal reaching full enrollment at-scale, total funding of \$472,290 to be generated by Warwick students. \$337,064 of this \$472,290 will be contributed through local share funding. This \$337,064 represents 0.19% of Warwick’s total reported FY19 expenditures.

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<sup>i</sup> Enrollment Assumptions and Comparison based off 10/1/19 reported data publicly available through RIDE’s FRED database.  
<sup>ii</sup> Inclusive of independent and catholic schools as available through RIDE’s FRED database.  
<sup>iii</sup> 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.  
<sup>iv</sup> Demand analysis is based on the most recent lottery data available through the RIDE Charter School Applicant Report. Reporting sizes of less than 10 are suppressed for student privacy.  
<sup>v</sup> Assumes constant local per-pupil funding, net of a constant withholding for fixed or unique costs.  
<sup>vi</sup> Assumes constant state per-pupil funding.  
<sup>vii</sup> Federal funding assumed constant and based off district averages.  
<sup>viii</sup> Withholding for fixed or unique costs is the greater of either: 1) 7% of the per-pupil local share funding; or, 2) the per-pupil value of the districts’ fixed or unique costs district’s statutorily defined expenditure categories minus the average expenses incurred by all public schools of choice for those same categories of expenses. For those districts whose greater reduction occurs under the calculation of (2), there shall be an additional reduction to payments to mayoral academies with teachers who do not participate in the state teacher’s retirement system under chapter 8 of title 36 equal to the per-pupil value of teacher retirement costs attributable to unfunded liability as calculated by the state’s actuary for the prior preceding fiscal year. Assumed constant in projections.  
<sup>ix</sup> Total FY19 Cranston Expenditures: \$172,178,876 (all expenditures based on most recent, audited UCOA data)  
<sup>x</sup> Total FY19 North Providence Expenditures: \$61,554,948 (all expenditures based on most recent, audited UCOA data)  
<sup>xi</sup> Total FY19 Providence Expenditures: \$438,019,645 (all expenditures based on most recent, audited UCOA data)  
<sup>xii</sup> Total FY19 Warwick Expenditures: \$175,561,439 (all expenditures based on most recent, audited UCOA data)