

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Action Item – Staff Recommendation

Item Summary

Charter Amendment – Ethos Classical (Enrollment Limit Maximum)

Recommendation

SCSC staff recommends that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve an amendment to Ethos Classical's charter contract (Charter) to increase the student enrollment maximum to 1,120 students.

Rationale

Ethos Classical currently serves students in grades K-5. The school will expand its grade offerings to include 6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year, 7th grade in the 2026-2027 school year, and full enrollment of grades K-8 in the 2027-2028 school year. Due to its grade expansion and increased community interest, the school requests a charter contract amendment to increase its maximum enrollment limit from 852 to 1,120.

Over the past few years, the school's end-of-year waitlist numbers have consistently increased, reflecting the high demand for its educational programs. This year, the school's waitlist has reached a historical high, indicating a strong and persistent demand for enrollment at Ethos Classical. Given these trends, the school is on track to maintain, if not exceed, this rate of growth in the coming years. By increasing the school's maximum enrollment, it can continue to fulfill its mission of providing high-quality education and fostering confident, competent scholars.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Objective: Expand high-quality middle and high charter school choice.