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Lewis-Palmer School District 38 (LPSD) is requesting a waiver from the Colorado State Board of Education regarding the charter school application process noted in C.R.S. 22-30.5-107(1). This statute states in part: “A charter applicant must file its application with the local board of education by a date determined by the local board of education to be eligible for consideration for the following school year ... The date determined by the local board of education for filing of applications shall not be any earlier than August 1 or any later than October 1 ... Prior to any change in the application deadline, the local board of education shall notify the department and each charter school applicant in the district of the proposed change.”

Current LPSD policy regulation LBD-R requires that charter school applications must be submitted no later than October 1 of the year preceding the proposed opening of the new charter school. This is in compliance with C.R.S. 22-30.5-107(1).

The LPSD administration would like to have more time to consider charter school applications and plans to submit a waiver to the State Board of Education requesting the submittal deadline be changed from October 1 to April 30. This would provide the school district with an additional five months to review the application for completeness and to request additional information as may be necessary before officially submitting the application to the local board of education. This earlier submittal deadline would provide charter school planning teams with more time to prepare for the opening of the new school. A submittal deadline of April 30 also aligns with the application timeline adhered to by the Colorado Charter School Institute. The Lewis-Palmer School District wishes to continue to foster the highest quality public school choice options.

The following notice of public hearing will be published in the Tri-Lakes Tribune beginning May 24 and will run consecutive Wednesdays through June 14:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT 38 WAIVER REQUEST

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-2-117, Lewis-Palmer School District 38 is requesting a waiver from the State Board of Education from C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1)(b) regarding the deadline for filing a charter school application. District 38 desires to change the charter school application filing deadline from October 1 to April 30 for a charter applicant to be eligible for consideration for opening in the fall of the following calendar year.

The District 38 Board of Education will consider the waiver request at a public hearing on July 18, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the District 38 administration building located at 146 Jefferson Street in Monument. Public comment will be welcome at this hearing.