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Mr. Marcus Chambers
Superintendent of Schools
Okaloosa County School District
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Dear Mr. Chambers,

This letter is in regard to an expansion at Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College (CHS). As Okaloosa County continues to grow, we appreciate all the support and partnerships we have created to provide innovative opportunities in our community.

An additional 50 students will be accepted into the A.S. pathway as 9th graders for the 2025-2026 academic year. This is in addition to serving students in the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades for the A.A program. Current A.S. students in the 9th grade will be promoted to 10th grade, 10th grade students will be promoted to 11th grade, and 11th grade students will be promoted to 12th grade. To accomplish this expansion, CHS will increase enrollment by no more than 50 students, bringing maximum enrollment to 535. CHS facilities will accommodate this expansion.

Florida Statutes § 1002.331 authorizes a high-performing charter school to increase its student enrollment once per school year to more than the capacity identified in the charter. CHS has maintained its status as a high-performing charter school since 2014 and by this letter is notifying its sponsor of its intention to increase enrollment in the upcoming academic year.

Attached is the charter modification anticipated by Florida Statutes for your signature. CHS looks forward to providing educational opportunities to more students. We appreciate the support and partnerships that exist between us.

Sincerely,

Mel Ponder, President
Northwest Florida State College

CC: Amber Floyd, Executive Assistant to Superintendent, OCS
Ms. Lori Kelley, Chair, Governing Board of Collegiate High School
Dr. Sandy Arteaga, Dean of Education & Charter School Initiatives, CHS Principal, NWFSC
Dr. Jenna Sheffield, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, NWFSC

Enclosed: CHS Certification of High-Performing Charter School
Charter Revision for Signature