



To: All Public School Academies, Boards and Educational Service Providers

From: Bay Mills Community College Charter Schools Office

Re: Seat Time Waivers and Charter Contract Amendments Policy

Dated: August 9, 2021

Section 1281 of the Revised School Code (Code) authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction (Superintendent), upon application from a public school academy, to grant limited time waivers from a State Board of Education or Michigan Department of Education (Department) rule interpreting or implementing a provision of the Code. MCL 380.1281(3). Section 101 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amendment (Act), permits the Superintendent, upon application from a public school academy, to waive for a public school academy the minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction requirement under the Act for a Department-approved alternative education program or another innovative program approved by the Department, including a 4-day school week. MCL 388.1701.

Please be advised that a waiver of a rule implementing either the Code or Act may require amendments to the Academy's charter contract issued by the Bay Mills Community College Board of Regents (College Board). For example, some seat time waivers may require the use of curriculum that is currently not part of the Academy's charter contract. Accordingly, for any public school academy authorized by the College Board, it is imperative that the Academy provide the Bay Mills Charter Schools Office (CSO) with details of any waiver granted to the Academy by the Superintendent.

If the Academy has received or is planning to apply for a waiver for the 2021-2022 school year, please contact the CSO at 906-248-8446 or mwanic@bmcc.edu to discuss the need for a charter contract amendment. The CSO may request a copy of your waiver application to analyze whether a charter contract amendment is required.