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ANSER CHARTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY BOARD MOVES FORWARD WITH GROWTH PLANS WITH TRANSITION TO IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

Anser plans to grow to serve an additional 300 students by 2025

Garden City – (October 16, 2019) The Anser Charter School Community Board voted unanimously to begin the process to transition their charter authorizer responsibilities from the Boise School District to the Idaho Public Charter School Commission. Beginning in July 2020 the Idaho Public Charter School Commission will provide academic and fiscal oversight for Anser Charter School.

The decision to grow was based largely on a desire to provide more opportunities for the over 400 Garden City and Boise families on Anser's enrollment waitlist this year. To better serve these families, over the next five years, Anser will gradually increase the number of students in every grade level--ultimately enrolling 675 students in grades K-8 by 2025.

"We are thrilled to be able to open our doors for more families from our community in the years ahead," said Anser Board President, Nichoel Baird Spencer. "We thank the Boise School District for being our authorizer for the last 20 years and look forward to this next phase in partnership with the Idaho Public Charter School Commission."

Throughout this period of growth, Anser will continue efforts to build a diverse, equitable, and inclusive (DEI) environment for students and families from throughout Garden City and Boise.

"As the principal of Anser Charter School and a woman of color, I am committed to strengthening our approach to DEI," said Anser Education Director Michelle Dunstan. "We have a great team and we're working together to implement a robust approach to social-emotional learning for students and staff."

In addition to the work on social-emotional learning, starting in the 2021-22 school year, all students will be eligible for free yellow bus transportation. Anser has also added a new Community Relations and Engagement position to reach and recruit from new communities in Garden City and Boise.

“Our ability to grow is built on a foundation of academic excellence and service to our community,” said Heather Dennis, Anser Organization Director. “For over 15 years, we have outperformed the district and the state in math and ELA. We are humbled to provide more Garden City and Boise students with opportunities to further their own academic achievement, character growth, and confidence.”

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About Anser Charter School

Located in Garden City, Idaho, Anser Charter School offers an inspiring and challenging educational environment for elementary and junior high children. Through our unique curriculum, learning approaches and commitment to the community, Anser students are: more engaged in school, eager and motivated to learn, able to flourish academically and personally. Through academic achievement, character growth and confidence, Anser students can embark on life adventures with a greater sense of who they are and what they want out of life.