

By email

March 17, 2025

Hillary Casson, Chief Executive Officer UP Education Network

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Re: UP Academy Holland School Day Schedule Dear Ms. Casson:

I have reviewed your request to modify the Turnaround Plan for UP Academy Holland (UAH) to alter the school day schedule to decrease time for both students and staff. (See

attached proposal.)

The proposal details the rationale for this change and reviews the anticipated school

schedule for school year 2025-2026. This explanation demonstrates thoughtful scheduling that invests additional resources into teacher coaching while simultaneously addressing

identified needs of your families and educators. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the proposal, and pursuant to G.L. c. 69, § 1J(t), I modify UAH’s Turnaround Plan to allow for the changes to the school schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wu, Targeted Assistance Manager, at [Jennifer.Y.Wu@mass.gov.](mailto:Jennifer.Y.Wu@mass.gov)

I appreciate your efforts on behalf of UP Academy Holland children and their families. Sincerely,

Russell D. Johnston

Acting Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Cc: Victoria Thompson, Principal, UP Academy Holland