



**Charter Name: Paul Cuffee School**  
**Local Impact Analysis for Material Expansion Request**  
**Local Communities: Providence**  
**2024 New Charter Seats Process**

**Proposal Overview**

Proposed Charter Overview			
Charter Type:	Independent	Year Expanding:	2025-26
Location of School:	Providence	Grade Level (At-Scale):	K-12
Enrolling Communities:	Providence	Enrollment (At-Scale):	930

Summary of Proposal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school requests to expand enrollment by 94 students in SY2025-26, increasing by two to three students in each class across grades K-12. Additionally, the school will add another 23 seats in SY2029-2030</li> <li>This expansion would increase Paul Cuffee School’s authorized enrollment from 813 to 930.</li> <li>The school is aiming to achieve economies of scale to increase support to multilingual learners and building a newcomer program at the middle and high school for students who have recently arrived in the country.</li> </ul>

Charter Year	School Year	Grades	New Seats Requested	Total Student Enrollment
Year 1	2025-26	K-12	94	907
Year 2	2026-27	K-12	0	907
Year 3	2027-28	K-12	0	907
Year 4	2028-29	K-12	0	907
Year 5 (At- Scale)	2029-30	K-12	23	930

**Fiscal Impact Analysis**

*Educational funding dollars follow each child to the school of their choice. The following analysis projects the total amount of funding that would follow students to the school of their choice, commensurate with the size of the requested expansion.*

Enrolling Community Student Funding Projections	
	Providence
Local Share – Projected FY25 per-pupil funding for each resident student <sup>i</sup>	\$4,768 per-pupil
State Share – Projected FY25 per-pupil funding for each resident student <sup>ii</sup>	\$14,822 per-pupil



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Federal Share – Projected FY25 per-pupil funding for each resident student <sup>iii</sup>	\$3,052 per-pupil
Projected FY25 total per-pupil funding for each resident Student (i.e. RIDE projects this amount of total local + state federal per-pupil funding for each student in FY25)	\$22,642 per-pupil
Less: 7% withheld from the local share of per pupil funding per pupil for “fixed or unique” costs <sup>iv</sup>	\$334 per-pupil
Local Share – Projected FY25 per-pupil funding for each resident student, less the 7% withheld for “fixed or unique” costs	\$4,434 per-pupil
Projected FY25 total per-pupil funding for each resident Student (excluding funds withheld for “fixed or unique costs”)	\$22,308 per-pupil

*Total Pupil Funding Projections, Commensurate with Expansion Proposal: PROVIDENCE*

Fiscal Year	Proposed Charter Projected Enrollment			Projected Total Local Share Pupil Funding commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Local Share Per Pupil Funding as % of local FY23 Total Expenditures <sup>v</sup>	Projected Total Pupil Funding (Local+State+ Federal) commensurate with new charter proposal	Projected Total Withholding for Fixed or Unique Costs (to district)
	Total	Providence	New Seats PVD				
2025-26	907	907	94	\$416,796	0.08%	\$2,096,952	\$31,396
2029-30 (at scale)	930	930	117	\$518,778	0.09%	\$2,610,036	\$39,078

**Key implication:** RIDE projects on an annual basis by FY2029-30 commensurate with the proposal reaching full enrollment at-scale, a total funding increase of \$2,610,036, of which \$518,778 will be contributed through local share funding. This \$518,778 represents 0.09% of Providence total reported FY23 expenditures.

Sources:

- i. [State Education Aid/Funding Formula](#)
- ii. [School District Financial Data | RI Department of Education](#)

<sup>i</sup> Assumes constant local per-pupil funding, net of a constant withholding for fixed or unique costs.

<sup>ii</sup> Assumes constant state per-pupil funding.

<sup>iii</sup> Federal funding assumed constant and based off district averages.



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<sup>iv</sup> Withholding for fixed or unique costs is the greater of either: 1) 7% of the per-pupil local share funding; or, 2) the per-pupil value of the districts' fixed or unique costs district's statutorily defined expenditure categories minus the average expenses incurred by all public schools of choice for those same categories of expenses. Assumed constant in projections.

<sup>v</sup> Total FY23 Providence expenditures: \$558,247,543 (all expenditures based on most recent, audited UCOA data)