

New Mexico Public Education Commission

300 Don Gaspar Ave.
Santa Fe, NM 87501

August 21, 2017

Dear Madame Chair and Commissioners,

On behalf of the Altura Preparatory School Founding Team, we thank you for your consideration of our application to open an elementary school in Southeast Albuquerque in the fall of 2018. Our mission is to create a diverse, inclusive, equitable, and comprehensive college preparatory education that prepares every child to succeed academically and personally, starting in Kindergarten. We strive to provide the community with an excellent school option that includes personalized and project-based learning, supporting each student to reach his or her potential.

We are confident that Altura Prep will add value and opportunity for the families of the International District and surrounding area. Our written application received 285 of a possible 287 points, exceeding the 95% minimum standard. In our Capacity Interview our team sufficiently addressed the sole section initially scored “Approaching the Criteria”, and earned 100% of possible points. At our Community Input Hearing, 100% of public comment was in support of Altura Prep, with no opposition by the local district or the community.

Families with financial means often choose their schools by moving to a residence within their desired school’s boundaries. We believe that all families deserve to have that opportunity to choose within their neighborhood. Altura Prep has been developed with needs of families in the International District in mind, and our application details clear processes, practices and systems that will support a diverse population and a range of student needs.

Our team is pleased to have a recommendation for approval from the Charter Schools Division of the Public Education Department, as well as the demonstrated support at our Community Input Hearing. Our founding board and team are on track for an excellent planning year, and will be prepared to successfully open in August of 2018. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter and further demonstrate our capacity and eagerness to open an excellent charter school in Southeast Albuquerque.

Very Respectfully,

The Altura Prep Founding Team