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Ms. Lorna Samraj, President
Healthy Futures/Health Sciences Academy
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Dear Ms. Samraj:

PSFA has received and reviewed the Facility Master Plan/Educational Specification (FMP/Ed Spec) for the Health Sciences Academy. The FMP/Ed Spec's purpose is to guide you in the planning of and/or selection of a facility to ensure that it is adequate to accommodate your educational program and method of instruction. Based upon our review, PSFA is pleased to announce that the Plan meets our requirements. In accordance with House Bill 283, your next step is to submit your charter school application to the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) and include your plan and this award letter. We also request that you send us the plan in a 3-ring binder and include an electronic version if your application is successful.

Through our review of the FMP/Ed Spec, PSFA understands the following:

- The Gadsden Independent School District has informed you that it does not have space in any of its facilities to accommodate your school.
- The mission of your school will be a health sciences focused curriculum with the aim of preparing its students for careers in the health industry.
- In preparing your curriculum, you have held outreach meetings with several community groups, education professionals, health advisors, and existing charters.
- You plan to have a cap of 315 students, comprised of the 7th-12th graders.
- Your school also plans to enroll 185 adult students at night that will utilize your 7th-12th facility. Please keep in mind that PSCOC will only pay for spaces for the 7th-12th grade students. There is no restriction on the night adult students using the space but PSCOC cannot pay for spaces that are to be used exclusively for night students and not day students. We do acknowledge that your FMP and Ed Specs indicate that the facility will not require dedicated spaces for the adults but that they will utilize day student facilities.
- Your anticipated number of classrooms at full enrollment (year 5) will be 17, and includes classrooms, science labs, multi-purpose room (for PE, and dining), special programs, support/admin space, and warming kitchen.
- You estimate that your total space needs in a facility after year 1 (enrollment of 120 students) to be 13,595 GSF and 24,595 GSF at full enrollment at year 5.
- You have reviewed our adequacy standards, planning guide and HB 283

If you are a successful applicant, please remember to work closely with PSFA's Planning and Design team as you review potential facilities. You can reach us at (505) 843-6272.

Sincerely,



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