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Mr. Phillip Skinner
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Dear Mr. Skinner:

PSFA has received and reviewed the Facility Master Plan/Educational Specification (FMP/Ed Spec) for the Columbus Community School Charter. 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. We also request that you send us the plan in a 3-ring binder and include an electronic version once the PED approves your charter.

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

- The Columbus Community Charter School plans to use the Ben Archer Medical facility, Village of Columbus playground/pool, and Village of Columbus Community Center, and parts of the old Columbus Elementary School to deliver your curriculum.
- The school also plans on locating portables on two acres of vacant land, which could be home to the school's permanent site with permanent square footage.
- To use the entire old Columbus Elementary School is cost prohibitive since the school needs significant rehabilitation work, which necessitated the need for a new Columbus Elementary school.
- According to 40th Day 2011-12 Enrollment numbers and capacity figures, the new Columbus Elementary does not have the capacity to accommodate the charter school in its facility.
- You plan to have a cap of 390 students and consist of 7th-11th grades initially and later add 12th grade.
- You plan on having 22 general classrooms with an anticipated pupil/teacher ratio of 1 teacher for 15 students.
- 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Valdez".

John M. Valdez, AICP
Facility Master Planner

cc: Jorge Au, Regional Manager, PSFA
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