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Emily Cohen Taos Mountain School 228 Valverde Street Taos, NM 87571

Dear Ms. Cohen:

PSFA has received and reviewed the Facility Master Plan/Educational Specification (FMP/Ed Spec) for the proposed Taos Mountain Charter School. 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 letter. 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 school wishes to locate in a facility that currently houses the private Taos Waldorf School.
- The existing facility has classroom space for the school to begin operation and a new building will be
 needed in the future to accommodate the rest of the educational program (future Creative Arts Building)
 and additional classrooms needed to support the higher grade levels.
- Taos Mountain School intends to adopt the Waldorf curriculum model for its educational program.
- Taos Waldorf School supports the Taos Mountain School's Charter School application.
- You plan to have a cap of 208 students and consist of K-12th grades.
- You plan on having 13 classrooms, a creative arts building containing a multi-purpose room, music/art space, and performance space.
- 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 your potential facility. You can reach us at (505) 843-6272.

Sincerely,

Fadility Master Planner

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