

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- I. Public Education Commission Meeting Date: May 11, 2018
- II. Item Title: Discussion and Possible Action Discussion and Possible Action to Accept Cariños de los Niños' Resolution of Closure and Cease of Operation
- I. Executive Summary and Proposed Motions:

Introduction

At the April PEC meeting, the Commission voted to hold a revocation hearing to determine whether the revoke the charter of Cariños de los Niños. Subsequently, on April 25 and April 30th, the governing body of Cariños de los Niños voted to cease operations as a charter school effective June 30, 2018.

The school has notified families of the decision and the PED has begun supporting the closure of the school.

Proposed Motion

- Move to accept the resolution approved by the governing body of Cariños de los Niños, which establishes that the school will cease operations effective June 30, 2018 and confirm that the school has surrendered its charter, which will no longer be effective after June 30, 2018.

Resolution of Closure and Cease of Operation Of Cariños de los Niño's Charter School

This resolution made with the effective date being the 25th day of April 2018, by the governing board of the Cariños de Los Niño's Charter School and memorializes the decision of the Cariños governing board made in open meeting on April 25, 2018.

Whereas the Cariños de Los Niño's Charter School is a State of New Mexico charter school chartered by the New Mexico Public Education Commission and previously chartered by the Espanola Public School District; and

Whereas the Cariños de Los Niño's Charter School offered a successful dual language program which at the height of operations involved over 200 students; and

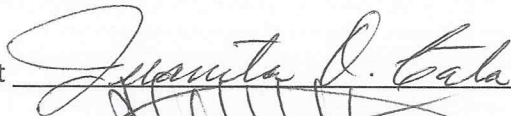
Whereas multiple disruptions relating to the housing of the school and other challenging events have resulted in a significant drop in enrollment resulting in budgetary issues, inclusive of some non-compliance issues; and

Whereas it is the view of the Cariños governing board that these various misfortunes have caused the Cariños de Los Niño's Charter School to no longer be viable in the near future, despite the Cariños governing board and administration's efforts to sustain this valuable and needed program.

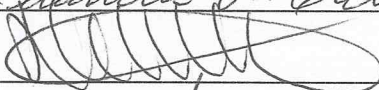
NOW, therefore, be it resolved that effective June 30, 2018, the Cariños de Los Niño's Charter School shall cease operation as a charter school. The governing board and administration will direct its efforts toward settling the affairs of the Cariños de Los Niño's Charter School, inclusive of student transition and student records and other requirements in accordance with applicable NM State Statutes and Regulations.

Passed and Approved by the Cariños Governing Board of the Cariños De Los Niño's Charter School on this 30th day of April 2018.

Dr. Juanita Cata, Board President



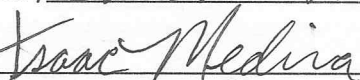
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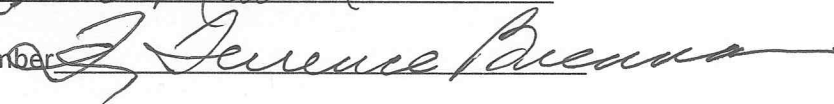
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Father Terrance Brennan, Board Member



Cariños Charter School

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April 30, 2018 (Corrected)

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students, Teachers, Employees, Contractors, and Vendors

It is with heavy heart and sadness to inform you that the Cariños Charter School will be closing its doors on June 30, 2018, after 10 years of educational service. The Cariños Governance Board on April 26, 2018, voted to cease its operation at the end of this school year 2017-2018; and today on April 30, 2018 the Cariños Board voted to approve an official Resolution of Closure and Cease of Operation of Cariños De Los Niño's Charter School. Due to limited time I have to act expeditiously and inform all of you of the closure of Cariños Charter School.

The NMPED and NMPEC recently took steps and action towards starting the revocation proceedings of our Cariños Charter School, through a future pending NMPEC Hearing, due to our poor letter grades and for other non-compliance issues. As you are aware, Cariños Charter School has been struggling for the past three years. At present, there are only 64 students enrolled in our Dual Language school for grades K thru 8th compared to the 200 students that we used to have four years ago.

Our Cariños Charter School will continue to provide instruction for grades K thru 6 until May 25, 2018; and instruction for grades 7th and 8th until May 31, 2018. Our number 1 concern at present is that our Cariños student do well with their year-end assessments.

On behalf of the Cariños Governance Board and the Cariños Administration, I want to thank the parents, students, employees, teachers, contractors, and vendors for their commitment, dedication and for supporting the Mission of Cariños and its Dual Language Program and the school.

In settling the affairs of Cariños, Cariños officials will have to conduct an inventory of the charter school assets to determine what was purchased with state funds.

We are certain that the Espanola Public Schools and/or neighboring Charter Schools will be ready and willing to accept your student during the summer; and they will welcome them with open arms and provide your student(s) with a high-quality education. It is important for you to let us know where your student will be registering so that we can assist with the orderly transition of all of your student records and reports.

We are holding a Parent meeting on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cariños Gym** for parents to answer any of your questions regarding the Closure of Cariños Charter School. Again, thank you for supporting the Mission of Cariños Charter School and its Dual Language Program.

Respectfully

Vernon Jaramillo, Chancellor, and Cariños Governance Board