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RE: Renewal of McCurdy Charter School

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Dear Ms. Tario, Mr. Martinez and counsel:

I am writing to confirm action that the Public Education Commission took at its meeting on September 24, 2021 regarding schools submitting renewal application this fall, including McCurdy Charter School.

The Public Education Commission adopted the Memorandum of Understanding (attached) as a template to propose to each state charter that is applying in October 2021 to renew its charter.

I request that, prior to October 15, 2021, the governing board for the school consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding that is substantially similar to this template. If you or your client would like to propose some changed language, please discuss this with Julia Barnes, our counsel. Please the transmit the signed draft to Corina Chavez on October 15, 2021.

If your board will not meet prior to October 15, 2021, please let us know, and we can discuss how to work out the approval process between the two parties who need to approve it. At a minimum, we would like to see what you propose to present to your board.

The Public Education Commission will put adoption of these Memorandum of Understanding on the October 22, 2021 agenda. We do not have a November meeting.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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