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**Charter Schools Division  
Final Renewal Analysis  
December 2021**

**School Name:** La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences

**School Address:** 659 Road Runner Road, Española, NM 87532

**Head Administrator:** Angela Feathers

**Governing Board Chair:** Ms. Willie Williams

**Business Manager:** Mike Vigil II

**Authorized Grade Levels:** K-8

**Authorized Enrollment:** 160

**Contract Term:** 2017-2022

**Mission:** La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences will provide students and their families in the Espanola region the opportunity to improve educational outcomes utilizing an integrated approach that includes Montessori, the Arts and the Sciences.

**Renewal Process**

The PED Charter Schools Division reviewed the application submitted by the school, conducted a site visit, and prepared a preliminary renewal analysis. This was provided to the schools on November 12. The school submitted a response to the preliminary analysis, which is included in the renewal hearing meeting materials.

### **Satisfaction of Statutory Renewal Requirements under NMSA 22-8B-12 K**

- (1) Has the school committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter contract?
- No.  
 Yes.
- (2) Has the school failed to meet or make substantial progress toward achievement of the department's standards of excellence or student performance standards identified in the charter contract?
- No.  
 Yes.
- (3) Has the school and, if applicable, the school's foundation failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management?
- No.  
 Yes.
- (4) For a charter school located on tribal land, has the school failed to comply with ongoing consultations pursuant to the Indian Education Act?
- No.  
 N/A  
 Yes.
- (5) Has the school violated any provision of law from which the state-chartered charter school was not specifically exempted?
- No.  
 Yes.

### **Renewal Recommendation**

Based on its analysis, the Charter Schools Division recommends that the contract of La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences be renewed for a period of five years, from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027, without conditions.