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Charter Schools Division Final Renewal Analysis December 2021

School Name: Walatowa High Charter School

School Address: 147 Bear Head Canyon, Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024

Head Administrator: Arrow Wilkinson **Governing Board Chair:** Kenneth Sando

Business Manager: Katherine Toya

Authorized Grade Levels: Grades 9 - 12 **Authorized Enrollment:** up to 150 students

Contract Term: 2018 - 2022

Mission: Through a community-integrated experiential learning program, Walatowa High Charter School will prepare students to be academically successful while promoting leadership, language preservation, and community wellness.

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 Walatowa High Charter School be renewed for a period of five years, from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027, with a condition that the school submit a plan outlining how the school will train staff and the governing board and then ensure compliance with the Open Meetings Act during the remainder of the current contract term and during the next contract term. The plan must include action steps (to include updating the school's webpage information on school governance), a timeline and persons responsible; the CSD must review and approve the plan prior to contract negotiations.