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Dear Director Chavez,

We appreciate PED's support of our charter schools as we provide our New Mexican youth access to as many quality educational options as possible.

We would like to take a moment to tell you a little bit more about the school program at Cesar Chavez Community School (CCCS).

CCCS, as a School of Choice, has a long history of leading in innovation and best practices for our most vulnerable New Mexican teens and young adults.

Since 2004, CCCS has responded to diverse, high-need students with flexibility, personalization, relationship building, and multiple layers of high-quality supports. This has been accomplished using various curricula including synchronous and asynchronous modalities over many years. This includes curriculum packets, teacher-created curricula, online programs such as Plato and Edgenuity, Google Classroom, and direct small-group and one-on-one instruction and tutoring.

As you know, CCCS serves a unique population of students who have histories of poor attendance, disengagement, a variety of health issues, and personal, financial, and academic difficulties. Our students come to us with an *average* of 11 F's ("Failure" grades) already on their high school transcripts. We focus on meeting them where they're at and working on credit recovery and reengagement so that students can start moving, again, toward their graduation and post-graduation goals.

CCCS's continuing goal during this traumatic and on-going COVID-19 pandemic is to find the safest ways to maintain our high quality, interactive direct instruction options as well as our asynchronous online options and supports. Our goal is to reduce chaos and increase stability, safety, health, and support for our students. Thus, our current class options include Zoom and Google Classroom delivery as our direct instruction components and continued online delivery of Edgenuity classes.

Moreover, many of our academic structures have been expanded to allow for increased support. Our successful mentoring program currently ensures that every student and family is getting consistent, weekly one-on-one support from their highly trained CCCS staff Mentor. Further, we have increased our daily, one-on-one tutoring supports offered through our highly qualified Teachers and Staff. And, we have increased contact time by sharing all of our staff's Google Voice



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phone numbers and emails with all of our families so everyone can easily call, text, or email as needed.

In the process of much research and discussion, our Governance Council, Administration, and legal resources agree that the CCCS program continues to fulfill its Mission and Educational Plan as it always has. These programs and structures are continuously re-evaluated to best meet student needs.

We appreciate this opportunity to review our school's mission with you. We are sure that all of us are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

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