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RE: Status of Educational Program Amendment Request and Notice of PEC Determination

Dear Ms. Verde-Claro and Ms. Arness:

This letter is to confirm the outcome of the December 16, 2022, Public Education Commission (PEC) meeting regarding the Educational Program Amendment Request submitted by Cesar Chavez Community School.

The Public Education Commission members considered the following motion as presented by Vice Chair Voigt (Seconded by Chair Burt):

"I move that the Public Education Commission approve the Cesar Chavez Community School, authorizing the school to provide direct instruction through an online platform, providing supplemental instruction at the school location, and reaffirming all other requirements and agreements in the contract. The school must discuss the school's lease reimbursement funding amount with PSFA to ensure that the school is not receiving lease reimbursement to which it may not be entitled and shall report the result of the discussion at the January 20th, 2023, PEC meeting."

Following a vote, the motion failed, which resulted in a denial of Cesar Chavez Community School's Amendment Request. As a result of this outcome, to fully meet all legal and contractual obligations, in accordance with the school's existing charter contract and in accordance with the Public Education Department's guidelines, Cesar Chavez Community School must return to in-person instruction, effective

immediately. Additionally, no changes to the educational program in the charter contract, or modifications to the school's curriculum, methods of instruction and formative and summative assessment are approved at this time.

The Charter School Division is available to provide technical assistance and support to the school during this transition and will provide the PEC with a status update on the school during the January 20, 2023, meeting.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Rebekka Burt, PEC Chair
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