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Dr. Scott Andersen
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Dear Dr. Andersen:

The New Mexico Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA) has received and reviewed the Facilities Master Plan/Educational Specifications 2023-2028 (FMP/Ed Specs) for the VPA of New Mexico. The FMP/Ed Specs guide you in the planning and/or selection of a facility to ensure that it adequately accommodates your educational program and supports your method of instruction. Based upon our review, PSFA is pleased to announce that the FMP/Ed Specs meet our requirements for applicant charter schools and approves the plan. Your next step is to include your FMP/Ed Specs along with this letter in your charter school application to the New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC).

In reviewing the VPA of New Mexico Charter School's FMP/Ed Specs, PSFA understands:

- VPA New Mexico will be an entirely virtual charter school and does not require classrooms support spaces, playfields/playgrounds, or student dining facilities. Students will not access the facility for instruction. Instead, the school only requires office space consisting of staff offices, storage, breakroom, reception area, and restrooms.
- The school will employ a slow-growth model to reach its proposed cap of 1,500 students, which it hopes to meet in the fifth year of operation.
- The school will serve grades K-12th.
- The school hopes to secure office space in Portales New Mexico but serve students throughout the state of New Mexico.
- Since students will not access the office site, PSFA assessment of the facility is not required.
- Virtual charter schools do not qualify for Public School Capital Outlay Funding since students do not access the facility for full time instruction.

If you are a successful applicant, please let PSFA know so we can update our database. As a fully virtual charter, the school is not eligible for PSCOC funding programs but our staff can still assist you with any facility questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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