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Rebecca Bartoo
47 Lonesome Dove Rd.
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Dear Ms. Bartoo,

I'm writing to inform you that the application you submitted for a new charter school, Sierra Community Charter School (SCCS), cannot be reviewed, in accordance with [Section 22-8B-6\(H\) NMSA 1978](#), which states *"An initial application for a charter school shall not be made after June 30, 2007 if the proposed charter school's proposed enrollment for all grades or the proposed charter school's proposed enrollment for all grades in combination with any other charter school's enrollment for all grades would equal or exceed ten percent of the total MEM of the school district in which the charter school will be geographically located and that school district has a total enrollment of not more than one thousand three hundred students."*

The application you submitted for Sierra Community Charter School proposes an enrollment that exceeds 10% of the district's MEM, with 144 in year 1 and a cap of 196 ([see charter on p 148 here](#)).

Your application, on p.7 states that the Truth or Consequences Municipal School District has a total enrollment of 1254 students, and we verified the 120th day count for 2022-23 in STARS is 1269. Therefore, we must discontinue the charter review process for SCCS.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Corina Chavez

Director, Charter Schools Division, New Mexico Public Education Department

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