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**From:** Eric Crites <ECrites@nmschoolforthearts.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 4:14 PM  
**To:** Schools, Charter, PED  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Renewal Analysis & Recommendation Document

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for sharing the Renewal Analysis and Recommendation document. We appreciate the thoughtful observations gathered by the team during the site visit.

I would like to request the following adjustments:

- Page 3: ELA growth should be 15% (not 14%--unless this is a matter of rounding--proficiency rate 21-22 was 73%; proficiency rate 22-23 was 88%).
- Page 4: In the description of the new residential living space, it states that it will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our intention is for it to be closed during the school day. Also, we will not be able to expand to a seven-day program from the current five-day program until we secure recurring funding--it is planned, but will not be implemented immediately. Finally, it states the program is "at no cost to the students." Per statute, we charge a fee based on a sliding scale, which is based on family income. Most families pay the lowest amount, \$100 per year, and no student is exited from the dorm for lack of payment.
- Page 4: It states "teachers verified a new study hall." I wonder if they were referring to our advisory, which was added in 21-22? Our study hall is not new.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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