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Dear Mr. Crites and Dr. Kaplan:

Congratulations on the renewal of your charter school. This will confirm that the Public Education Commission has voted to renew New Mexico School for the Arts for a five-year term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029 without conditions.

The negotiations for contracting with the PEC are scheduled to take place March 11-13, 2024. Missy Brown at Charter School Division ([Melissa.Brown@ped.nm.gov](mailto:Melissa.Brown@ped.nm.gov), 505 551-2879) will reach out with information on the charter contracting process. She is planning to set up a time in January 2024 to come to your school to discuss the process. All documents related to the process will be uploaded here

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18LvKxo2zjnrHA411dn5B3EBSNTHhqGBI> as you move through the process to prepare for the negotiations with the PEC. The approved contract and performance framework templates are found here:  
<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/policies-and-processes/>

We appreciate all of the work at your school, the support you provide to the students at your school and your commitment to education in New Mexico. On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for your efforts and congratulations again.

Sincerely,  
*e/Alan Brauer*  
Chair, Public Education Commission