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Dear Mr. Ogas and Mr. Watling:

Congratulations on the renewal of your charter school. This will confirm that the Public Education Commission has voted to renew School of Dreams Academy for a five-year term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029 with the following conditions.

- 1) that the school improve individual student academic growth beginning with specific immediate action to correct student academic growth that is presently below state standards and report data from the school's assessments back to the PEC by the June PEC meeting each year
- 2) that
  - a. the school show appropriate safeguards and use of state dollars;
  - b. enter into a memorandum of understanding with its foundation to allow for full disclosure of the state funds into the foundation, private funds provided for state matching dollars, and expenditures of those funds; and
  - c. the information is provided to the PEC as part of annual report.
- 3) that the school's record of performance demonstrates
  - a. continuous student academic growth;

- b. student graduation rate growth beginning with specific immediate action to increase student graduation rates;
- c. that the needs of special education students are being adequately addressed through the successful completion of the Public Education Department's Special Education Corrective Action Plan in accordance with PED requirements and timelines; and
- d. shows conformance with generally accepted standards of fiscal management beginning with specific immediate action to correct the unsatisfactory performance related to fiscal management which must include fewer audit findings that are not repeated and adequate internal control policies and procedures.

The specific immediate actions needed on items 3 a-d above will be outlined in the school's negotiated Performance Framework. The first annual report will confirm completion of each item or, if the concern is not corrected, will identify the uncorrected unsatisfactory performance on each item that will be subject to further PEC action.

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 contracting process will be uploaded here <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15jpCPi1IcajPsu7UldXx5J6H2DLOA-WL> 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