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ACES Technical Charter School

Dear Dr. Campbell and Mr. Wilhelm:

Thank you for submitting your renewal application for ACES Technical Charter School to the Public Education Commission. We appreciate the tremendous effort that went into the application. As you know the application will be on the Public Education Commission’s (PEC) agenda the week of November 11, 2024 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The PEC may renew, renew with conditions, or non-renew the school based on the performance in the charter term and the renewal application. The PEC is following the procedures set forth in the PEC rule, NMAC 6.2.9.16.

The Charter School Division (CSD) has provided you with an initial recommendation indicating that the school should be renewed for a five-year term with the following conditions:

1. The school expands Special Education support by hiring at least one licensed Special Education teacher and comply with Office of Special Ed monitoring and technical assistance to make improvements in serving students with disabilities.
2. The school identifies and serves English learners appropriately, correcting all issues identified in the August 13, 2024, Technical Assistance and Focused Monitoring (TAFM) letter from the PED Language and Culture Division (LCD).

CSD will finalize their recommendation prior to the renewal hearing and include final Vistas data from the New Mexico Public Education Department for 2023-2024 if available.

To assist you in your team’s preparation for the PEC meeting, the PEC wanted to outline questions or concerns that have arisen in the review of your application by CSD and PEC Commissioner review. While the PEC may ask questions regarding any part of the school’s performance during the charter contract, the renewal application and assessment, and recommendations provided, in particular, please be prepared to address the areas listed below. The PEC is incorporating “Results-Based Accountability” into its new performance framework. While the renewal application is not being assessed under the new performance framework, you might gear your presentation and answers to issues set for below by addressing the following questions: How much did the school do? How well did you do it? Who is better off as a result?

Please note that the PEC is not requesting, nor will accept, new information at this point in the process.

Areas of specific focus are:

| School Performance:Please see Renewal Application Subpart A andCSD recommendation | Rating |
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| Academic Framework | No areas of concern |
|  | 1.a. Student Outcomes | Demonstrates Substantial Progress |
| Organizational Framework | Rating |
|  | 2.b. Financial Compliance  | Demonstrates Substantial Progress |
|  | 2.c. Governance Responsibilities | Demonstrates Substantial Progress |
|  | 2.d. Equity and Identity | Failing to Demonstrate Progress |
|  | 2.e. Tribal Consultation | No tribal consultation conducted. Pending information from Indian Education Division |
|  | 2.f. Other Performance Framework Indicators | Failing to Demonstrate Progress |
| Areas of Interest for Additional Information submitted by PEC Commissioners |
|  | No additional questions |  |
| Areas of Interest for Additional Information submitted by CSD |
|  | Please confirm the occupancy capacity of the portion of the building being utilized by the school. |  |

On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

*e/Patricia Gipson*

Chair, Public Education Commission

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