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Dear Ms. Chatto and Ms. Tso:

Happy New Year. As you know, the Public Education Commission (PEC) has been looking at issues of concerns related to Dream Diné Charter School. This letter will outline the action taken and that may be taken at the next meeting of the PEC.

At the last meeting of the PEC issued a Notice of Concern regarding the failure of the governing board to submit the required Assurance documentation. This Notice of Concern will be made part of the record of performance of the school. The Board was required to review the school's contract and performance framework obligations as set forth in the Assurance form and then submit this documentation within 10 business days into the Epicenter database for the school. We see that the signed Assurance document was signed on December 16, 2024 and uploaded to Epicenter on December 31, 2024. Thank you.

The school will be on the January meeting agenda to both provide an update to the Commission and for the Commission to possibly take action under the intervention ladder. The items for discussion are:

1. We are unclear if the school now has sufficient board members to form a quorum after the resignation in November of three board members. The school is required to have five board members to be a board of finance. The PEC will be asking the school for an update on the board membership. If there are insufficient members to have a quorum of the board to convene a meeting, please provide information on how meetings are being held and action taken. What is the process the school is following to engage the community in getting sufficient board members?

2. We would also like an update on the number of students now enrolled in the school given the recent upheaval related to the board. Please be prepared to provide this information as well and confirm that the budget of the school is sufficient to provide the educational plan agreed to in the contract.

3. Finally, we will be asking the school to review the Contract and Performance Framework again when the board is back up to five members. We will ask you to re-execute the Assurance form when that review has been completed.

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

Sincerely,

e/ Patricia Gipson

Chair, Public Education Commission