

MEMORANDUM

To: Public Education Commission (PEC)

From: Charter Schools Division (CSD)

Date: March 3, 2025

Re: The GREAT Academy Conditions of Renewal

The GREAT Academy's 2022-2027 contract contains the following conditions of renewal:

- A. Academic Improvement
- B. Personnel and Payroll
- C. Governing Board Training (one-time condition)
- D. Governing Board Materials Posted Online
- E. Foundation Operations
- F. Foundation Financial Conditions

The school met conditions B through F in school year 2022-23. Since condition C was a one-time condition, it should be closed, with only conditions A, B, D, E and F reported in future years.

The school provided assurances that conditions B, D, E and F were met in school year 2023-24. Condition B was met according to the school's assurance. Condition D was verified by CSD review of the school's website and publicly posted board materials. Conditions E and F were met according to a 6/28/24 letter of assurance from the foundation to the school's governing board. The content of the assurance could not be verified as CSD does not have access to foundation financial information.

The only condition of renewal not met in either 2022-23 or 2023-24 was condition A:

1. Meet or exceed the state graduation rate for each year of the charter, considering 4, 5 and 6-year graduates, for similar schools serving similar populations
2. Meet or exceed the average growth rates for similar schools serving similar populations

In 2022-23, CSD reported that these conditions were not met. The school provided a response including the fact that

- two of the comparison schools should not be in the comparison group as their enrollments are far larger than TGA's; and
- the shared accountability model for graduation hurts TGA, which graduated 100% of its enrolled seniors in 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23.

In 2023-24, CSD did not change the list of comparison schools, and reported in a document provided to PEC in the February 21, 2025, meeting materials that these conditions were partially met as follows:

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| <p>TGA above in 3 metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● growth vs comparison group average● growth vs state average● 4-year rate vs comparison group average | <p>TGA below in 5 metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 4-year rate vs state● 5-year rate vs comparison group average● 5-year rate vs state● 6-year rate vs comparison group average● 6-year rate vs state |
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