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Dear Mr. Ahner and Mr. Wallace:

Thank you for all of your hard work to support children in New Mexico. As you know, the Charter School Division (CSD) has completed its annual report for SY 2022-2023 for your school and presented this report along with your responses to the Public Education Commission (PEC) at its January 2024 meeting.

As outlined in New Mexico rule NMAC 6.2.9.12 and 13³, the PEC has accepted this annual report. Further, as set out in the rule, the PEC asked me to provide you with notice that the PEC has issued an overall annual report notice of exemplary performance. Thank you for this excellent work.

In addition to the overall notice, the PEC has identified two areas of unsatisfactory performance related to

- growth in English language scores for black students and growth in math scores for students with disabilities on pages 6-7 of the annual report and
- finances identifying the material and significant weakness, four total audit findings and one repeat finding identified in the FY22 audit and listed on page 11, indicator 2.b. of the annual report,

Both should be corrected by the next annual report.

³ <https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title06/06.002.0009.html>

The contract and all annual reports for the school are located here: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/charter-school-contracts/> You will work with your staff and board and report your progress the CSD through the annual site visit and report process to show your progress. If you are successful in improving the performance, CSD will report that in the next annual report, and the concerns will be identified as corrected. If you are not successful (which we hope will not be the case), the school may receive a notice of uncorrected unsatisfactory performance next year which could impact the rating for the school and the ultimate renewal of the school. Please note that the school is not being placed on the intervention ladder, but rather should work internally to correct these issues.

The SY 2022-2023 annual report and this letter will be made a part of the record of performance of the school. Please feel free to reach out to CSD or me with any questions. On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

e/Alan Brauer

Chair, Public Education Commission