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Dear Ms. Porter and Ms. Kimble:

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 February 2024 meeting.

As outlined in New Mexico rule NMAC 6.2.9.12 and 13¹⁰, 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 satisfactory performance. Thank you for this strong work.

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

- the Vistas designation of Comprehensive Support School (CSI)- Graduation,
- “working to meet” performance on one Mission Specific goal, and
- organizational concerns listed on page 11 of the annual report, indicators 1.b., and 3.c

All items listed should be corrected by the next annual report.

¹⁰ <https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title06/06.002.0009.html>

With regard to the negative growth identified in the annual report, you can show that growth using any reliable tool you wish prior to the next annual report. You do not have to rely on the State accountability system or its methodology for identifying growth.

You will work with your staff and board and report to 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 ultimate renewal of the school.

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/> 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,

/s/ Patricia Gipson

Chair, Public Education Commission
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