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Dear Mr. Franco and Ms. McClendon:

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 2023-2024 for your school and presented this report along with your responses to the Public Education Commission (PEC) at its January 2025 meeting.

As outlined in New Mexico rule NMAC 6.2.9.12 and 13²¹, 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. In addition, the school corrected areas of concern from last year. Thank you for this strong work. Your work as a new school with this performance is remarkable.

The PEC has identified one area of unsatisfactory performance related 5.b. Accounting Principles on page 10 of the annual report.

The unsatisfactory performance should be corrected by the next annual report. You will work with your staff and board and report your progress 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

²¹ <https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title06/06.002.0009.html>

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 2023-2024 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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