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Dear Ms. Sahni:

Thank you for submitting your team's application for a new charter school. As you know, the Public Education Commission approved the application for Sun Mountain Community School for a six-year term (2024-2030), which includes a planning year prior to opening. Congratulations.

During the planning year and prior to commencing operations Sun Mountain Community School must:

1. Negotiate a contract with the Public Education Commission;
2. Obtain standing as an approved Board of Finance;
3. Secure a facility that has E-occupancy; and
4. Complete the planning-year checklist.

Sun Mountain Community School is approved on the condition that the school provide a plan for outreach and possible options for transportation in the first submission in the implementation year checklist. The outreach shall be targeted outside of the previous Waldorf community and must show adequate outreach to the full Santa Fe community, including possible partners and tribal communities, to assist in outreach. A plan for adequate outreach and a plan for transportation shall be incorporated in the charter contract.

Missy Brown (Melissa.Brown@ped.nm.gov, 505 551-2879) will be your initial contact person at the Charter Schools Division and will be reaching out with next steps. The implementation year checklist is located here: [Implementation Year Resources](#).

On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for your efforts. Welcome to the charter school community.

Sincerely,

/e/Patricia Gipson

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