



February 17, 2016: VIA EMAIL and US MAIL

Ms. Cindy Chan, Director, Charter Schools Division
California Department of Education
1430 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Description of Changes to the International Studies Language Academy Charter Petition
Necessary to Reflect the State Board of Education as the Authorizing Entity**

Dear Director Chan:

The International Studies Language Academy (ISLA) charter petition was denied by the Glendale Unified School District on December 15, 2015, and by the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) on February 16, 2016.

The Charter School respectfully submits its charter petition on appeal to the State Board of Education (SBE) in accordance with Education Code Section 47605(j)(1), and Title 5, California Code of Regulations ("5 CCR") Sections 11967(a) and 11967(d).

In accordance with the requirements of 5 CCR Section 11967(b)(4), we have listed below the relevant and appropriate changes to the charter petition which are necessary to reflect approval by the State Board of Education:

1. Chartering Authority

Any text referring to Glendale Unified School District, GUSD, or the District as the chartering authority would be revised to read, State Board of Education ("SBE"), or the California Department of Education ("CDE") as the oversight agency, where appropriate.

2. Petition Element 1 : Special Education Local Area Plan (SELPA) (p. 53)

The Charter School will be its own local education agency ("LEA") for purposes of special education and has applied directly for membership in the El Dorado County Charter Special Education Local Plan Area ("SELPA"), Desert Mountain SELPA, and Los Angeles County Charter SELPA. All applications are pending. A capacity interview has been scheduled on March 4, 2016, between the ISLA Development Team and the El Dorado County Charter SELPA.

3. Petition Element 14: Dispute Resolution (p. 222-223)

The Charter School recognizes that the SBE may choose to resolve a dispute directly instead of pursuing the dispute resolution process specified in the charter, provided that if the SBE intends to resolve a dispute directly instead of pursuing the dispute resolution process specified in the charter, it must first hold a public hearing to consider arguments for and against the direct resolution of the dispute instead of pursuing the dispute resolution process specified in the charter.

Further, the Charter School recognizes that if the substance of a dispute is a matter that could result in the taking of appropriate action, including, but not limited to, revocation of the charter in accordance with Education Code section 47604.5, the matter will be addressed at the SBE's discretion in accordance with that provision of law and any regulations pertaining thereto.

4. Technical Amendments

The Charter School agrees to incorporate into its charter any technical amendments deemed necessary and appropriate by the SBE.

We will also submit any supplemental documentation that the State Board of Education or California Department of Education may request in a timely manner.

5. Certification to Comply with All Applicable Laws

International Studies Language Academy hereby certifies that ISLA will comply with all applicable laws.

We look forward to working with the SBE and the CDE during consideration of the charter petition. Please feel free to contact us, Gillian Bonacci (gsharp1@pacbell.net; 818-730-4413), or Hilary Stern (hilary_stern@hotmail.com; 818-809-6764), the co-lead petitioners, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gillian Bonacci and Hilary Stern

Co-Lead Petitioners

International Studies Language Academy