

# Fresno Career Development Institute, Inc.

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December 6, 2013

VIA: OVERNIGHT MAIL

Julie Russell, Director  
Charter Schools Division  
California Department of Education  
1430 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Description of Changes to the Petition Necessary to Reflect the State Board of Education as the Authorizing Entity**

Dear Ms. Russell:

The New Millennium Institute of Education (the "Charter School") charter renewal petition was submitted to the Fresno Unified School District (the "District") on April 30, 2013. The District voted to deny the petition on May 8, 2012. The charter was appealed to the Fresno County Board of Education and Denied on June 20, 2013.

The Charter School respectfully submits its charter petition on appeal to the State Board of Education. 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 the Fresno Unified School District, FUSD, 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.*

2. Special Education Plan

Instead of acting as a public school of the District for the purposes of special education ("Option1" in the charter petition), the Charter School will be its own local educational agency ("LEA") and will apply directly for membership in the West End Special Education Local Plan Area ("SELPA"), or another local SELPA. Should the Charter School be denied membership in the West End SELPA or other local SELPA, it will apply for membership in the El Dorado County Charter SELPA.

3. Dispute Resolution

*The Dispute Resolution language in the charter petition will be followed by the paragraph below:*

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“The Charter School recognizes that, because the SBE is not a local educational agency, the State Board of Education may choose 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.”

#### 4. Technical Amendments

*The Charter School will agree to incorporate into its charter any technical amendments deemed necessary and appropriate by the California Department of Education.*

We will make every effort to submit any supplemental documentation that the State Board of Education of California Department of Education may request in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Earl Brown, CEO

