

# THE NEW SCHOOL OF SAN FRANCISCO

DECEMBER 30, 2014

VIA: EMAIL AND MAIL

Cindy Chan, Interim Director  
Judie Hall, Administrator  
Charter Schools Division  
California Department of Education  
1430 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Description of Changes to The New School of San Francisco Charter Petition Necessary to Reflect the State Board of Education as the Authorizing Entity**

Dear Interim Director Chan:

The New School of San Francisco (the "Charter School") petition for the establishment of a charter school was denied by the San Francisco Unified School District (the "District") on October 28, 2014.

The Charter School respectfully submits its charter petition on appeal to the State Board of Education 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 the San Francisco Unified School District, SFUSD, 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 A: Plan for Students With Disabilities (page 57)**

*The Charter School will be its own local educational agency ("LEA") for purposes of special education and will apply directly for membership in the El Dorado County Charter Special Education Local Plan Area ("SELPA"). The charter would be amended to reflect the applicable arrangement.*

**3. Petition Element N: Dispute Resolution (page 120)**

*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.*

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**4. Technical Amendments**

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

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

Sincerely,

Emily Bobel and Ryan Chapman  
Co-Lead Petitioners  
The New School of San Francisco