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VIA: HAND DELIVERY

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 Director Russell:

The Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana (the “Charter School”) petition for the establishment of a charter school was denied by the Santa Ana Unified School District (the “District”) on October 8, 2013. On November 12, 2013, the Charter School submitted an appeal of the denial to the Orange County Board of Education (“the County”), and the County took no action on the charter at its February 12, 2014 meeting.

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 Santa Ana Unified School District, SAUSD, 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: Students With Special Needs (page 83)**

*The Charter School proposes to become an LEA member of the El Dorado County Charter Special Education Local Plan Area (“EDCOE Charter SELPA”). The Charter School shall submit written verifiable assurances of its application and acceptance into the EDCOE Charter SELPA in*

*accordance with the SBE Standard Conditions on Opening and Operation of the Charter School. The charter shall also be amended to reflect this arrangement. It is worth noting that the Pacific Technology School – Santa Ana is a member of the EDCOE SELPA. You will see, in the appeal submission, that EDCOE has provided a letter explaining that EDCOE will provide the Charter School with priority for new membership.*

**3. Petition Element 14: Dispute Resolution (page 156)**

*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 CDE and/or 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,  
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