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**Re: Description of Changes to Ross Valley Charter, Charter Petition on
Appeal to the State Board of Education**

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Dear Ms. Chan:

The Ross Valley Charter (the “Charter School”) charter petition was submitted to Ross Valley School District (the “District”) on July 15, 2015. The District Board voted to deny the petition on August 18, 2015. The Petitioners appealed the District’s denial to the Marin County Board of Education (the “County”), and the County Board voted to deny the charter on October 13, 2015.

The Charter School respectfully submits its charter petition to the State Board of Education (the “SBE”). We have listed below the relevant and appropriate changes to the charter petition, which are necessary to reflect approval by the SBE:

1. Chartering Authority

Any text referring to Ross Valley School District or the District as the chartering authority would be revised to read “State Board of Education” or “SBE,” or the “California Department of Education” or “CDE” as the oversight agency.

2. Special Education

The Charter School shall operate as its own local educational agency for purposes of special education, and will apply for membership in the El Dorado County Charter Special Education Local Plan Area (“SELPA”) or another charter school SELPA. The Charter School shall assume full and exclusive responsibility for all special education and related services activities contemplated in the charter.

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3. Dispute Resolution

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

“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

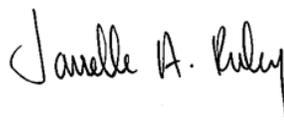
The Charter School will comply with any and all technical amendments to its charter as required by the SBE and the California Department of Education (“CDE”).

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We will make every effort to submit any supplemental documentation that the SBE or CDE may request in a timely manner.

We look forward to working with the SBE and the California Department of Education during consideration of the charter petition appeal. Please feel free to contact me, or the Charter School’s Development Coordinator and Chief Financial Officer, Conn Hickey (connhickey@gmail.com; (415) 250-5879) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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