



DECEMBER 11, 2015

VIA: HAND DELIVERY

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

**Re: Description of Changes to the Rocketship Mt. Diablo Charter Petition Necessary
to Reflect the State Board of Education as the Authorizing Entity**

Dear Director Chan:

The Rocketship Mt. Diablo (“Rocketship”) charter petition was denied by the Mt. Diablo Unified School District (“District”) on August 10, 2015. The petitioners appealed the District’s denial to the Contra Costa County Board of Education (“County”), and the County Board voted to deny the charter on October 21, 2015.

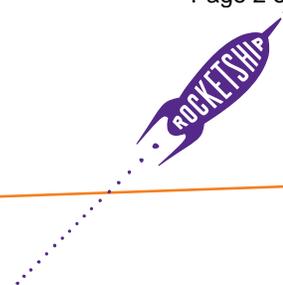
Rocketship respectfully submits its charter petition to the State Board of Education (“SBE”). In accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 11967(b)(4), we have listed below the relevant and appropriate changes to the charter petition that are necessary to reflect approval by the SBE:

1. Chartering Authority

As also reflected in the petition submitted to the SBE, any text referring to the “Mt. Diablo Unified School District,” “MDUSD,” 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, where appropriate.

2. Petition Element N: Dispute Resolution Process (p. 161)

Rocketship 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, Rocketship 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.

3. Technical Amendments

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

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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.

Sincerely,

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