

Mattole Unified School District (MUSD), on behalf of Mattole Valley Charter School (MVCS) #159, is requesting a waiver from the California State Board of Education. This waiver is regarding nonclassroom-based charter school resource center locations. MUSD is requesting the waiver for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years. This waiver is necessary in order to allow Mattole Valley Charter School time to comply with the Anderson court decision and will help to minimize disruption to students and their educational programs. Time is especially needed as MVCS has a high needs population with an unduplicated count of 62.4% and special education percentage of 12.1%. As this is Mattole Valley Charter School's nineteenth year of operation, it will take considerable time and effort to develop and carry out a plan in order to transition into compliance with the court ruling. Mattole Valley Charter School has begun working on a transition plan. Carrying out this plan will take time as will the student, family, community and staff outreach necessary when the education of so many are affected. It should also be noted that Humboldt County is a large, rural county that is sparsely populated. The county spans 4,052 square miles, but only has a population of 134,493. Because vast geographic spaces separate small communities, it is necessary for Mattole Valley Charter School to have multiple facilities in order to adequately serve students. For example, the facility in Redway is over two hours away from the facility in Willow Creek.

Each learning center is unique to the community in which it is located. In fact, these learning centers were created because a grassroots group of individuals within the community had a vision for the type of education they wanted for the youth in their lives. This type of educational experience was not currently being offered for these students. These are not centers that Mattole Valley Charter School created, but rather the School was approached by particular communities who had innovative ideas or educational philosophies. For example, one of our learning centers has a Montessori philosophy, not because that is what Mattole Valley Charter School wanted, but because that is what the parents in the community desired for their children. Another learning center has an art education focus. In fact, that learning center is located in a non-profit art gallery. Again, this is because that is what is desired in that particular location. Each learning center has a unique personality that represents the community and they are whole-heartily supported by the community.

All of the learning centers of Mattole Valley Charter School are also supported by Mattole Unified School District. MVCS and MUSD have a special and uncommon relationship. Mattole Valley Charter School was started by Mattole Unified School District because the District understood that providing appropriate educational options in our distinct environment is very difficult. With our narrow, country roads and inclement weather, many students are required to travel long distances in dangerous conditions to reach a school. In the Mattole Unified School District, some students have to travel two hours to reach the nearest school. This happens all over Humboldt County. The learning centers of Mattole Valley Charter School bring the educational facility into the remote locations where the students live. Mattole Valley Charter School offers this to students in remote areas because there is a great need in our rural county. Without MVCS as an option, rural students have few opportunities to participate in laboratory sciences, receive support and intervention service or receive special education services. Mattole Valley Charter School needs time to thoughtfully transition into compliance. In doing so, each center within this waiver will have time to communicate with their stakeholder groups on how they will be able to continue to meet their unique needs.

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<p>North Coast Learning Academy  2020 Campton Rd,  Eureka, CA 95503</p> <p>-serves TK-5th grade in central Humboldt County</p>	<p>Cutten Elementary School District (elementary)</p> <p>Eureka City Schools (high school)</p>	<p>92</p>	<p>2000</p>	<p>Including North Coast Learning Academy in the waiver is crucial because closing it at this time would result in 92 students being left without the access to the education in the manner in which they've been served for the entirety of this school year, and for some, for the entirety of their school career. This would be extremely detrimental to students and families. Closing this center would also result in a minimum of 10 adults losing their employment.</p> <p>North Coast Learning Academy serves as a meeting space for teachers to meet with students for small group or one-on-one instruction. Special education services are provided at this location for students with IEPs, including but not limited to resource and speech services. Counseling and intervention services for students with academic and behavioral needs are also provided at this location. State testing, including CAASPP, CSTs, CELDT and physical fitness testing, are all administered at this facility. This learning center serves students who are English learners, as well as homeless youth and students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. North Coast Learning Academy serves students who are more successful with very small teacher to student ratios. These students tend to need lots of support in all areas.</p>

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				<p>If this center were forced to close mid-year, the school would be subject to significant debt due to current leases and contracts. The current facility lease terminates on June 19, 2017 - \$4,750/month (includes utilities). At this facility, the internet service (\$325.20/month) is contracted through June 30, 2017. This facility also has lease for a copier (\$175/month). The lease terminates on November 11, 2020.</p> <p>Because this facility is one of three within one school district (Eureka City Schools), Mattole is confident in the ability to transition the three facilities over to one charter by the 2018-2019 school year, whether by Eureka City Schools or the Humboldt County Office of Education being the authorizing entity. At this time, however, there is not a building within the Eureka area large enough to accommodate all three learning centers.</p>
<p>Lost Coast High Learning Center            3400 Erie St, Room 13 ,            Eureka, CA 95501</p> <p>-serves 9th.12th grade in central Humboldt County</p>	<p>Eureka City Schools</p>	<p>57</p>	<p>2013</p>	<p>It is imperative that Lost Coast High Learning Center is included in the waiver because closing it at this time would result in 57 students being left without the access to the education in the manner in which they've been served for the entirety of this school year, and for some, for the entirety of their school career. This would be extremely detrimental to students and families. Closing this center would also</p>

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				<p>result in a minimum of 7 adults losing their employment. The learning center serves so few students that it could not be fiscally viable as its own charter.</p> <p>Lost Coast High Learning Center serves as a meeting space for teachers to meet with students for small group or one-on-one instruction. Special education services are provided at this location for students with IEPs. Counseling and intervention services for students with academic and behavioral needs are also provided at this location. State testing, including CAASPP, CSTs, CELDT and physical fitness testing, are all administered at this facility. This learning center serves students who are English learners, as well as homeless youth and students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. This learning center also has a laboratory facility that allows students to participate in wet labs for college preparatory science . Lost Coast High Learning Center is also a satellite facility for College of the Redwoods, a Humboldt County community college. This allows students who would otherwise be unable to travel to the college to take college courses.</p> <p>If this center were forced to close mid-year, the school would be subject to significant debt due to</p>

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				<p>current leases and contracts. The current facility lease terminates on August 30, 2018 - \$3,300/month. At this facility, the internet service (\$330.20/month) is contracted through June 30,2017. The security system contract of \$21.70/month terminates on June 30, 2017.</p> <p>Because this facility is one of three within one school district (Eureka City Schools), Mattole is confident in the ability to transition the three facilities over to one charter by the 2018-2019 school year, whether by Eureka City Schools or the Humboldt County Office of Education being the authorizing entity. At this time, is not a building within the Eureka area large enough to accommodate all three learning centers.</p>
<p>Campus House 1539 F St, Arcata, CA 95521</p> <p>-serves 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the northern Humboldt County</p>	<p>Arcata Elementary School District (elementary)</p> <p>Northern Humboldt High School District (high school)</p>	34	2004	<p>Campus House must be included in the waiver because closing it at this time would result in 34 students being left without the access to the education in the manner in which they've been served for the entirety of this school year, and for some, for the entirety of their school career. This would be extremely detrimental to students and families. Closing this center would also result in a minimum of 6 adults losing their employment. The learning center serves so few students that it could not be fiscally viable as its own charter.</p>

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				<p>Campus House is directly across the street and, therefore has a unique relationship with Humboldt State University. Humboldt State University students serve as tutors for the students who meet at this learning center. Also, students who meet at this center are able to go onto the Humboldt State University campus to take classes. The students who meet at this learning center have a college preparatory focus. Without this learning center, students would miss out on these valuable opportunities. Campus House serves as a meeting space for teachers to meet with students for small group or one-on-one instruction. Special education services are provided at this location for students with IEPs. Counseling and intervention services for students with academic and behavioral needs are also provided at this location. State testing, including CAASPP, CSTs, and physical fitness testing, are all administered at this facility. This learning center serves students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. This learning center also has a laboratory facility that allows students to participate in wet labs for college preparatory science.</p> <p>If this center were forced to close mid-year, the school would be subject to significant debt due to</p>

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				<p>current leases and contracts. The current facility lease terminates on June 30, 2018 - \$2,000/month.</p> <p>At this facility, the internet service of \$330.20/month is contracted through June 30, 2017. The security system contract of \$73.50/month terminates on June 30, 2017.</p>
<p>Creekside Arts and Education Learning Center            75 The Terrace,            Willow Creek, CA 95573</p> <p>-serves K-5th grade in eastern Humboldt County</p>	<p>Klamath/Trinity Unified School District</p>	<p>45</p>	<p>2009</p>	<p>It is necessary for Creekside Arts and Education Learning Center to be included in the waiver because closing it at this time would result in 45 students being left without the access to the education in the manner in which they've been served for the entirety of this school year, and for some, for the entirety of their school career. This would be extremely detrimental to students and families. Closing this center would also result in a minimum of 6 adults losing their employment. The learning center serves so few students that it could not be fiscally viable as its own charter. Also, this learning center is in a remote location, approximately one hour from the county seat and many parts of this community are unable to access internet services.</p> <p>Creekside Arts and Education Learning Center has a focus on art education. This learning center operates within a non-profit art gallery. This location allows students and teachers to be inspired and creative while participating in a self-paced educational</p>

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				<p>experience. Creekside serves as a meeting space for teachers to meet with students for small group or one-on-one instruction. Special education services are provided at this location for students with IEPs, including but not limited to resource and speech services.</p> <p>Counseling and intervention services for students with academic and behavioral needs are also provided at this location. State testing, including CAASPP, CSTs, and physical fitness testing, are all administered at this facility. This learning center serves students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.</p> <p>If this center were forced to close mid-year, the school would be subject to significant debt due to current leases and contracts. The current facility lease terminates on June 30, 2017 - \$1,000/month (includes utilities).</p>
<p>Willowbrook High Learning Center            1200 Ross Rd,            Rooms 1-4,            Fortuna, CA 95540</p> <p>-serves 9th-12th grade in the Eel River Valley</p>	<p>Fortuna Elementary SD (elementary)</p> <p>Fortuna High School District (high school)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>2003</p>	<p>Willowbrook High Learning Center needs to be included in the waiver because closing it at this time would result in 10 students being left without the access to the education in the manner in which they've been served for the entirety of this school year, and for some, for the entirety of their school career. This would be extremely detrimental to students and families. Closing this center would also result in a minimum of 3 adults losing their</p>



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				<p>employment. The learning center serves so few students that it could not be fiscally viable as its own charter. However, it should be noted that this learning center will be closed on June 30, 2017 so does not need to be included in a waiver for the 2017-2018 school year.</p> <p>Willowbrook High Learning Center serves as a meeting space for teachers to meet with students for small group or one-on-one instruction. Special education services are provided at this location for students with IEPs. Counseling and intervention services for students with academic and behavioral needs are also provided at this location. State testing, including CAASPP, CSTs, CELDT and physical fitness testing, are all administered at this facility.</p> <p>This learning center serves students who are English learners, as well as those who qualify for free or reduced lunch.</p> <p>If this center were forced to close mid-year, the school would be subject to significant debt due to current leases and contracts. The current facility lease terminates on June 30, 2017 - \$1,300/month plus utilities fees of \$600/month. At this facility, the internet and phone service of \$340/month is contracted through June 30, 2017.</p>

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Beginnings Learning Center 5 Cemetery Rd, Briceland, CA 95560  -serves 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade in southwestern Humboldt County	Southern Humboldt Unified School District	49	1999	<p>Beginnings Learning Center being included in the waiver is vital because closing it at this time would result in 49 students being left without the access to the education in the manner in which they've been served for the entirety of this school year, and for some, for the entirety of their school career. This would be extremely detrimental to students and families. Also, this facility offers a lunch program as part of the National School Lunch Program. Without this, many students would not have access to a healthy lunch. Closing this center would result in a minimum of 5 adults losing their employment. The learning center serves so few students that it could not be fiscally viable as its own charter. Also, this learning center is in a remote location, approximately two hours from the county seat and many areas in this community are unable to access internet services.</p> <p>The students and teachers who meet at Beginnings Learning Center focus on environmental Education and the very remote, rural setting is conducive to this focus. Beginnings serves as a meeting space for teachers to meet with students for small group or one-on-one instruction. Special education services are provided at this location for students with IEPs, including but not limited to resource and speech</p>

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<p>Redway Learning Center                      1155 Redway Drive,                      Suites 1 and 4,                      Redway, CA 95560</p> <p>-serves TK-5th grade in southern Humboldt County</p>	<p>Southern Humboldt Unified School District</p>	<p>37</p>	<p>2003</p>	<p>It is essential for Redway Learning Center to be included in the waiver because closing it at this time would result in 37 students being left without the access to the education in the manner in which they've been served for the entirety of this school year, and for some, for the entirety of their school career. This would be extremely detrimental to students and families. Closing this center would also result in a minimum of 8 adults losing their employment. The learning center serves so few students that it would not be fiscally viable as its own charter. Also, this learning center is in a remote</p>

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				<p>location, approximately two hours from the county seat and serves students who live in extremely remote locations in the hills surrounding the center. Many areas of this community are unable to access internet services.</p> <p>Redway Learning Center serves as a meeting space for teachers to meet with students for small group or one-on-one instruction. Special education services are provided at this location for students with IEPs, including but not limited to resource and speech services. Counseling and intervention services for students with academic and behavioral needs are also provided at this location. State testing, including CAASPP, CSTs, CELDT and physical fitness testing, are all administered at this facility. This learning center serves students who are English learners, as well as those who qualify for free or reduced lunch.</p> <p>If this center were forced to close mid-year, the school would be subject to significant debt due to current leases and contracts. The current facility lease terminates on June 30, 2018 - \$950/month (includes utilities and internet).</p>
Cutten Resource Center 2120 Campton Rd, Eureka, CA 95503	Cutten Elementary School District (elementary)	69	1999	Cutten Resource Center should be included in the waiver because it is crucial to the operation of Mattole Valley Charter School as an entity. Closing it

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<p>-offices for business, technology, counseling, special education departments for MVCS</p> <p>-resource library for curriculum, materials and technology for MVCS</p>	<p>Eureka City Schools (high school)</p>			<p>at this time would result in 69 students being left without the access to the education in the manner in which they've been served for the entirety of this school year, and for some, for the entirety of their school career. This would be extremely detrimental to students and families. Closing this center would also result in the loss of office space for 21 staff members, including special education, curriculum specialists, counseling, technology, administrative and business staff. The resource center serves so few students that it would not be fiscally viable as its own charter.</p> <p>Cutten Resource Center serves as a meeting space for teachers to meet with students for small group or one-on-one instruction. Special education services are provided at this location for students with IEPs, including resource and speech services. Counseling and intervention services for students with academic and behavioral needs are also provided at this location. State testing, including CAASPP, CSTs, CELDT and physical fitness testing, are all administered at this facility. This learning center serves students who are English learners, as well as homeless youth and students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. This facility provides resource materials for all students, families and staff to use and is the home of all curriculum, media and</p>

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				<p>technology resources for the entire school. This is also where administrative, business, technology, special education and counseling staff have their offices. Cutten Resource Center is also the location for staff development.</p> <p>If this center were forced to close mid-year, the school would be subject to significant debt due to current leases and contracts. The current facility lease terminates on July 31, 2018 - \$4,628/month. At this facility, the internet service of \$373/month is contracted through June 30, 2017. This facility also has a lease for two copiers (\$440/month for both copiers). This lease terminates on August 10, 2021.</p> <p>Because this facility is one of three within one school district (Eureka City Schools), Mattole is confident in the ability to transition the three facilities over to one charter by the 2018-2019 school year, whether by Eureka City Schools or the Humboldt County Office of Education being the authorizing entity. At this time, however, there is not a building within the Eureka area large enough to accommodate all three learning centers.</p>