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Re: Description of Changes to the Los Angeles International Charter
School Charter Petition Necessary to Reflect the State Board of
Education as the Chartering Entity

Dear Ms. Constancio:

In accordance with 5 C.C.R. section 11966.6, subdivision (b)(4), the following changes to the Los Angeles International Charter School ("LAI" or "School") charter petition are necessary to reflect the California State Board of Education ("State Board") as the authorizing entity.

Chartering Authority

Throughout the charter petition, any text referring to the "Los Angeles County Office of Education," "Los Angeles County Board of Education," or "LACOE" as the chartering entity would be revised to read "State Board of Education," "State Board," or "State," as appropriate. This includes revising any language in the charter that requires LAI provide documents or information to LACOE, unless otherwise required to do so by law, and that provides any rights to LACOE (e.g., the right to appoint a representative to the LAI Board of Directors).

Title Page and Table of Contents

The title page of the charter would be revised to reflect the date the petition was submitted on appeal to the State Board. The table of contents will also need to be updated once all the changes described in this letter are made.

Governance Structure of the School

Page 49 of the charter would be revised to remove the requirement that LAI notify LACOE before meetings of the LAI Board of Directors, as all meetings are called and held in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. Page 49 would also be revised to remove the requirement that LAI make an annual report to the County Board of Education. Page 52 would be revised to fix a typo about the School's back office services provider, as LAI currently contracts with Charter Impact. The last sentence on page 54 about sending public information to LACOE would be removed.

Health and Safety Procedures

The first sentence on page 73 will be revised to remove the reference to LACOE and, instead, read "LAI will ensure that it follows health, safety, and risk management policies, including but not limited to the following..." In light of AB 1747 (2018), which went into effect after LAI submitted its charter renewal petition to the County Board of Education, page 73 would also be revised to clarify that LAI will ensure its comprehensive school safety plan includes the safety topics listed in subparagraphs (A) through (H) of Education Code section 32282(a)(2) and procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, and that the plan will be reviewed and updated by March 1 of every year.

Admission Requirements

We understand that under Education Code section 47605(d)(2)(B), admission preferences, including, but not limited to, a preference for siblings of pupils who currently attend the School and children of the School's teachers and staff, may be allowed by the chartering authority on an individual school basis, and priority order for preferences shall be determined in the charter petition. In order to reflect the State Board as authorizer, the admission preferences on page 89 would be amended and re-ordered as the State Board determines necessary and appropriate.

Page 90 would be revised to clarify that parental participation is not a requirement for acceptance to, or continued enrollment at, LAI.

Discipline Policy/Suspension and Expulsion

The requirement on page 93 that LAI follow LACOE's discipline policies and notify the appropriate LACOE personnel in the event of an expulsion would be removed, as we understand the State Board does not have equivalent policies. Page 105 would be revised clarify LAI's compliance with applicable laws regarding involuntary removal, per Education Code section 47605(b)(5)(J)(iii).

Dispute Resolution Process

Element 14 of the charter on pages 110-111 would be revised to meet the requirements under 5 C.C.R. section 11967.5.1, subdivision (f)(14). The charter would be amended to recognize that the State Board may choose to resolve a dispute directly instead of pursuing the dispute resolution process specified in the charter, provided that if the State Board 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. 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 State Board's discretion in accordance with that provision of law and any regulations pertaining thereto.

Recognizing the fact that the State Board is not a local educational agency, the dispute resolution language in the charter would be further revised to include specific provisions that the State Board determines necessary and appropriate. For example, the language regarding mediation on page 110 would be revised in recognition that the State Board cannot be pre-bound to an obligation to split the costs of mediation or agree to participate in mediation to resolve disputes.

Closure Procedures

The closure procedures beginning on page 113 of the charter would be amended to provide that the State Board is the appropriate oversight authority.

Other Operational Issues

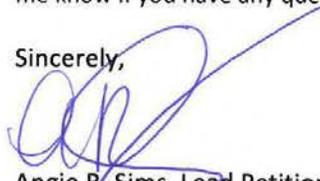
The last sentence on page 118 would be revised to fix a typo about the School's back office services provider, as LAI currently contracts with Charter Impact. Page 121 would also be revised to meet the State Board's requirements, if any, for additional insurance coverage.

Technical Amendments

LAI will gladly comply with any additional technical amendments to the charter as recommended by the California Department of Education, Advisory Commission on Charter Schools, or State Board.

I look forward to discussing any additional and necessary changes to the LAI charter petition to reflect the State Board as the chartering entity. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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