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Via Hand Delivery

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**RE: Description of Changes to Watsonville Prep School Charter Petition Necessary for Appeal to State Board of Education**

Dear Director Constancio,

The Navigator Schools, Watsonville Prep School (“WPS” or the “Charter School”) charter petition was submitted to the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (“PVUSD” or the “District”) on March 28, 2018. The District Board voted to deny the petition on May 23, 2018. Navigator Schools submitted the WPS charter petition on appeal to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education (“SCCBOE”) on June 19, 2018. The SCCBOE voted to deny the petition on August 16, 2018.

Navigator Schools respectfully submits the WPS charter petition on appeal to the State Board of Education (the “SBE”). Pursuant to Title 5, California Code of Regulations Section 11967(b)(4), we have listed below the relevant and appropriate changes to the charter petition, which are necessary to reflect the SBE as the chartering authority.

The Charter School will make all of the changes to the charter petition enumerated in the “Description of Changes to Watsonville Prep School Charter Petition Necessary for Appeal to County Board of Education” (See Binder Tab \$\$) letter, except for the following changes, which will be reflected as described below:

**Chartering Authority**

Any text referring to the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, PVUSD, 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.

**Element 14: Dispute Resolution**

The Dispute Resolution language in the charter petition (pages 129-130) will remain as is, and will be followed by the acknowledgement that the Charter School will:

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- Recognize that, because it is not an LEA, 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.
- Recognize 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 EC 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.
- Recognize that the SBE cannot be pre-bound to a contractual obligation to split the costs of mediation or agree to mediation to resolve disputes.

### **Miscellaneous Charter Provisions**

- Insurance Coverage (page 133): this section will remain as is, except "the PVUSD" will be replaced with "the SBE and the CDE" as the other parties to the MOU.

### **Technical Amendments**

WPS is willing to consider incorporating into its charter any technical amendments deemed necessary and appropriate by the State Board of Education.

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We look forward to working with the State Board of Education and the California Department of Education during consideration of the charter petition. Please feel free to contact me via email ([ksved@navigatorsschools.org](mailto:ksved@navigatorsschools.org)) or phone (831)217-4889 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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