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December 3, 2018

Via Hand Delivery

Lisa Constancio, Director
Charter Schools Division
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 5401
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Description of Changes to Thrive Public School Charter Renewal Petition
Necessary for Appeal to the State Board of Education**

Dear Director Constancio:

The Thrive Public School (“Thrive” or the “Charter School”) charter renewal petition was submitted to the San Diego Unified School District (“SDUSD” or the “District”) on August 23, 2018. On September 25, 2018, the District Board held a public hearing for the Thrive charter renewal petition. The District Board voted to deny the renewal petition on November 13, 2018.

The Charter School respectfully submits its charter renewal petition to the State Board of Education (the “SBE”). Pursuant to Title 5, California Code of Regulations Section 11966.6(b)(4), we have listed below the relevant and appropriate changes to the charter petition necessary to reflect the SBE as the chartering entity.

Chartering Authority

Any text referring to the San Diego Unified School District, SDUSD, 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.

Legal Updates

Thrive will comply with, and will update its charter to reflect, all applicable changes to law that were signed into law after submission of the charter renewal petition and will become effective on January 1, 2019 or July 1, 2019, including, but not limited to, the following:

- AB 1871, requiring charter schools to provide each needy student with one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal during each schoolday;
- AB 2601, requiring charter schools to comply with the California Healthy Youth Act;
- AB 1747, requiring charter schools to adopt and annually update a comprehensive school safety plan; and
- AB 406, prohibiting a petitioner that submits an establishment or renewal charter petition or material revision application from operating as or by a for-profit corporation, for-profit educational management organization, or for-profit charter management organization.

Element Eight: Admissions Policies and Procedures

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Pursuant to instructions from the California Department of Education based on the California School Finance Authority's requirement for all charter petitions approved or renewed on or after January 1, 2018 to include preference in admissions language for purposes of the SB 740 Charter School Facility Grant Program, Thrive shall replace the admission preferences on page 144 of the charter petition with the following:

1. Siblings of students admitted to or attending the Charter School
2. Residents of the District
3. Students who are currently enrolled in or who reside in the public elementary school attendance area of the public elementary schools in which Thrive is located (for purposes of the SB 740 Charter School Facility Grant Program)¹
4. All other applicants

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We look forward to working with the SBE and the California Department of Education during consideration of the charter petition. Please feel free to contact me via email (nassisi@thriveps.org) or phone (310)883-3667 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nicole Assisi
Chief Executive Officer
Thrive Public Schools

¹ Currently, the schools are: Carson Elementary, Carver Elementary, and Fay Elementary