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Dear Mr. Jones and Ms. Carlson:

Thank you for all of your hard work to support children in New Mexico. As you know, the Charter School Division (CSD) has completed its annual report for SY 2024-2025 for your school and presented this report along with your responses to the Public Education Commission (PEC) at its January 2026 meeting.

As outlined in New Mexico rule NMAC 6.2.9.12 and 13¹, the PEC has accepted this annual report. Further, as set out in the rule, the PEC asked me to provide you with notice that the PEC has issued an overall annual report notice of unsatisfactory performance. Thank you for your efforts, and we hope to see improved results in the near future.

The PEC has asked me to outline the following areas of concern

- a) unsatisfactory proficiency rates for students in math and in growth scores for reading that should be improved in the next annual report;
- b) unsatisfactory graduation rates;
- c) unsatisfactory performance related 3.c. Staff Credentialing; 3.d employee rights that

¹ <https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title06/06.002.0009.html>

should be corrected by the next annual report;

d) uncorrected unsatisfactory for the overall designation of Does Not Meet Standard on Organizational Framework, and

e) uncorrected unsatisfactory performance related to accounting principles 5.b on page 10 of the annual report that should be improved by the next annual report.

After the release of the FY25 audit, the school will be placed on the PEC agenda to

1. review the unsatisfactory academic performance listed above, and provide a root cause analysis,
2. have you provide a plan for academic improvement and
3. If CSD recommends action regarding finances,
 - review the school audit findings; and
 - discuss how you are remedying the uncorrected unsatisfactory performance

The PEC may take action under the intervention ladder on any or all of the unsatisfactory performance at that time. Please note that under the rule, NMAC 6.2.9.12, the school may, within 10 days of receipt of this notice, present a written response to the commission's actions to be included in the record of performance of the charter school. The state charter school may also request an opportunity to be heard at the next meeting of the commission and request reconsideration of the commission's decision.

The contract and all annual reports for the school are located here: [PEC Contracts and Annual reports](#). The SY 2024-2025 annual report and this letter will be made a part of the record of performance of the school. Please feel free to reach out to Director Brigitte Russell or me with any questions. On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rebekka Burt

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