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January 23, 2015

Re: **Proposition 39 Offers to Charter Schools for 2015-2016 School Year**

Dear Principal,

I am writing to inform you that, after carefully weighing various educational, safety and space-related factors, and benefiting from the valuable engagement and recommendations of Educational Service Center Instructional Committees, I personally approved a preliminary proposal for a charter school to potentially co-locate on your campus in the upcoming school year (list attached). It is important to note that, per the regulations governing Proposition 39, the District may not know for certain whether a charter school will actually accept the District's offer and occupy space on your campus until at least May 1. This is a painstaking process and while there will be impacts, we have worked diligently to minimize the impact on campuses, and most importantly, to students.

I recognize the instructional and operational challenges our schools will face in implementing Proposition 39 charter co-locations and have developed an implementation process to preserve the integrity of our academic programs and priorities to the extent possible while maintaining compliance with the Proposition 39 law. Throughout this process, decisions were based on efforts to ensure full compliance with the law while also attempting to incur the least disruption possible to students in District and charter operated schools. In many situations across the District, set asides critical to important District and local educational initiatives may be identified for reduction or elimination in order to allow for some preliminary proposals. Whereas this is a significant disruption to District schools, please understand that it is a function of the governing regulations of Proposition 39 issued by the State Board of Education and not the District. These preliminary proposals fully satisfy Proposition 39's requirements, but do not voluntarily offer more than the District's legal obligation.

The next steps in the Proposition 39 process are as follows:

- **January/February:** Educational Service Center (ESC) Leadership, Maintenance & Operations, and other District staff will support you in the identification of campus configuration that results in the least possible disruption to both the District and charter school programs. District staff will provide you with a provisional plan and ask for your recommendations, both of which will be reviewed by the ESC Instructional Committee for further input. You will be notified upon final approval.
- **January/February:** Facilities Services Division Community Relations staff will contact you to provide important information for your school community.
- **February 1:** The District will make a preliminary proposal to the charter school to co-locate on your campus during the 2014-2015 school year.

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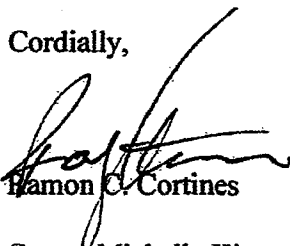
- **March 1:** The charter school must submit its response and/or counter-proposal to the District. <sup>publicly?</sup>
- **April 1:** The District must send a final offer to the charter school.
- **May 1:** The charter school must notify the District in writing whether or not it intends to occupy the offered space or else the final offer expires. You will be informed of the final outcome in early May.
- **May:** Each District and charter school confirmed to share a District campus in the 2015-2016 school year will form a Campus Co-location Committee. Each committee will consist of the campus plant manager, Principals, lead teachers, and parent representatives from the District and charter school programs. ?
- **May:** Prior to the Memorial Day holiday weekend, the ESC Instructional Committee will facilitate Campus Co-location committees in the creation of Shared Use Agreements between the District and charter school and the incorporation of the charter school into the District Safe School Plan. This meeting will take place at your ESC and you will be notified in advance of the specific date and time.

If you have any questions during this process, please contact Sean Jernigan, Proposition 39 Program Manager, directly at (213) 241-0375 or [prop39@lausd.net](mailto:prop39@lausd.net).

The District is committed to ensuring that the instructional and facility needs of all public students are considered equitably. Charter schools are public schools and I believe the District has an obligation to provide all public school students safe, quality facilities that are conducive for learning.

I am counting on your continued engagement and cooperation to ensure the success of all our students in the 2015-2016 school year. I deeply appreciate your ongoing commitment to the education and safety of all the children we serve.

Cordially,



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