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Christopher Paige, Chief Executive Officer
California Human Development
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Re: Santa Rosa City Schools
Abraxis Charter School Request for Material Revision

Dear Mr. Paige:

We are writing to address the Request for Material Revision submitted by Abraxis Charter School to Santa Rosa City Schools (“District”).

Please be advised that the District has scheduled the following Board meeting dates:

- (1) October 26, 2016, 6 p.m.: Board Meeting Public Hearing on Request for Material Revision;
- (2) November 9, 2016, 6 p.m.: Board Meeting for decision on Request for Material Revision.

We also write to address the documentation submitted by Abraxis in support of its Request for Material Revision on or about August 23, 2016.

The District’s July 19, 2016 request for information to Abraxis contained a request for the following documentation (among other categories):

- All internal student assessment data for the last 5 years;
- Results from all Statewide standardized assessments (including but not limited to Academic Performance Index, California State Standards Test, Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium/California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASSP) Test for the last 5 years (where applicable).

The District will address its concerns in turn:

Student Assessment Data:

In response to this request, Abraxis provided grade transcripts for its students. However, the District sought not only student grades, but also the means for assessing student progress and determining measurable pupil outcomes, as is required under Education Code section 47605(b)(5)(B) and (C). This documentation includes the charter school's curricular materials, the means it used to assess pupil progress (i.e., tests, quizzes and examinations), and any other documentation reflecting how the Charter School assesses pupil progress. To facilitate the Charter School's production of these materials, the District requests that the Charter School provide one school year's worth of assessment tools (i.e., tests, quizzes and examinations) for each of the following core subject matters – English/Language Arts, Mathematics and Science – for one grade level, used within the last 5 years.

Results from all Statewide Standardized Assessments

The District received and reviewed Abraxis' results on the Academic Performance Index and CAASSP tests and is concerned about the exceedingly low number of students who had reportable scores. For 2015, only one of 11 students for whom scores were provided had a reportable score on the CAASSP test.

On the API, between 2010 and 2013, the great plurality of students taking the test scored Below Basic or Far Below Basic in nearly every subject matter:

2010 ELA	6% Basic 35% BB 59% FBB	100% BB/FBB U.S. History
2011 ELA	15% Basic 31% BB 54% FBB	7% Prof. World History
2012 ELA	7% Proficient 10%/0% Basic 25%/14% BB 65%/79% FBB	100% BB/FBB Algebra 100% BB/FBB Science 17% Proficient U.S. History
2013 ELA	100% BB/FBB	100% BB/FBB Science

District Concerns:

The District is concerned that Abraxis is not conducting adequate education of its students or assessment of pupil progress, and that its students are not making sufficient academic progress. Moreover, the District has further concerns regarding Abraxis' attempts to obtain legal approval to operate at 1015 A Center Drive, Santa Rosa, CA. While Abraxis claims that the site meets all

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building code requirements and is sufficient for pupil instruction, the Charter School fails to submit any verifiable proof that it has obtained the necessary permit to conduct pupil instruction at the site, and also fails to provide the square footage of the proposed space. The District also notes that it does not appear that any dedicated space has been exclusively allocated for classroom instruction.

The District would like to set up a meeting during the first week of November, 2016, to discuss these concerns with the Charter School. My office will be contacting you to determine a date and time for the meeting. In the meantime, we ask that that the Charter School provide the above-requested information to the undersigned no later than October 28, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,
Steven J. Eichman, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Santa Rosa City Schools