TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 624

Resolution Of The Board Of Trustees
To Renew The Charter Of The

"Higher Learning Academy" Charter School

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 47607, a petition to renew a charter shall be governed by the standards and criteria set forth in Education Code section 47605; and

WHEREAS, the "Higher Learning Academy" ("Charter School" or "HLA") was first authorized and granted a charter ("Charter") by the Grant Joint Union High School District Board of Education in March 2007, through the 2011-12 school year and thereafter the Charter was renewed by the Twin Rivers Unified School District ("District") Board of Trustees ("Board") for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 17, 2016, Dr. Cindy Petersen ("Petitioner") submitted a petition ("Petition") and supporting documentation to the District to renew the Charter for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2016, a public hearing was held to determine the level of support for renewal of the Charter by teachers, other employees of the District, and parents/guardians in accordance with Education Code section 47605(b); and

WHEREAS, the Petition is now before the Board for final action at a public meeting on December 13, 2016, in accordance with Education Code section 47605(b); and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the Petition for the Charter, the Board of Trustees is cognizant of the intent of the Legislature that charter schools are, and should become, an integral part of the California educational system, and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Code Section 47607(a)(3)(A), the Board of Trustees has considered increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the Charter School as the most important factor in determining whether to grant the Charter School's renewal request; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 11966.4(b)(1), in considering renewal of the Charter the Board of Trustees considered the past performance of the Charter School's academics, finances, and operation and future plans for improvement in evaluating the likelihood of future success; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2014, all charter school authorizers were notified by the California Department of Education that on March 13, 2014, the State Board of Education approved not calculating the 2014 Growth and Base Academic Performance Indexes (APls) and

the 2015 Growth API. Accordingly, three alternatives were authorized by Assembly Bill 484 (Education Code section 52052 (e)(2)(F) & (e)(4)) to meet legislative and/or programmatic requirements that would otherwise depend upon those API calculations: (a) the most recent API calculation; (b) an average of the three most recent annual API calculations; or (c) alternative measures that show increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils school wide and among significant student groups; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 47607(b), charter schools must meet certain academic performance criteria, primarily based on API calculations, thus the notice from the California Department of Education provides alternative academic performance criteria to be used in considering renewal of charters; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent, and/or his designees, have reviewed the Petition and supporting documentation submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Trustees is satisfied that the documentation submitted by the Charter School establishes that there have been increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils school wide and among significant student groups as required by Education Code Section 47607, and as those requirements have been modified in conformance with the direction from the California Department of Education pursuant to the State Board of Education's suspension of the calculation of APIs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Trustees having fully considered and evaluated the Petition and supporting documentation, hereby approves renewal of the Charter (Attached as Exhibit A) for a term of five (5) school years commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2022, unless otherwise earlier revoked in accordance with law, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Petitioner shall work with the District to amend the Charter to provide additional information regarding its implementation of the Common Core State Standards curriculum and other programmatic concerns identified by the District.

2. The Petitioner shall work with the District to amend the Charter's admissions process to clarify that students applying for entrance are not unreasonably denied admission due to the timeliness of their application and to clearly describe its lottery process in the event the Charter School reaches enrollment capacity.

3. The Petitioner shall work with the District to amend the Charter's admissions process to further describe the Charter School's outreach efforts to ensure a population that is reflective of the general population of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that renewal of the Charter is granted only on the condition that the Petitioner amends the Petition to remedy the deficiencies identified and complies with all of the requirements herein, as deemed fulfilled by the District's Administration and as set forth in a successor Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to be executed no later than February 28, 2017. Accordingly, renewal of the Charter shall not become effective until all such conditions are deemed fulfilled by the District's Administration within the timeframe ordered by the Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the District Superintendent or his designee is authorized and directed to take such other action as he may deem warranted to implement this Resolution, including the execution of the MOU and any other agreements setting forth the arrangement and agreement between the parties in furtherance of the renewal of the Charter as approved herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that, pursuant to Education Code section 47605(i), the Petitioner shall provide written notice of the Board of Trustees' approval of renewal of the Charter upon fulfilling all of the conditions herein, and shall provide a copy of the Charter to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, and the California Department of Education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December 2016 by the Board of Trustees of the Twin Rivers Unified School District by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSENT: _____

CERTIFICATION

State of California)
) ss.
County of Sacramento)

I certify the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Twin Rivers Unified School District at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

Dated: December 13, 2016

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By:_____
Dr. Steven Martinez
Superintendent

EXHIBIT A

CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL PETITION

FOR THE

HIGHER LEARNING ACADEMY