

November 18, 2014

Ms. Shannon Hodge 1375 E Street, NE Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Hodge:

Congratulations on receiving conditional approval for Kingsman Academy Public Charter School (Kingsman PCS) to operate a school in Washington, D.C. beginning in school year 2015-16!

On November 17, 2014, the DC Public Charter School Board (PCSB) determined that Kingsman PCS's application substantially satisfied the petition requirements of the School Reform Act, and that the school has the ability to meet the educational objectives outlined in its application. Specifically, the PCSB Board approved Kingsman PCS' petition to establish a public charter school provided that it agree to satisfy all of the conditions listed in Attachment 1. *D.C. Code § 38-1802.03(d)(1)(B)*. Please sign and return Attachment 1 by December 5, 2014.

Due to the accelerated timeline for opening Kingsman PCS in 2015-16, we would like to meet with you and your staff as soon as possible. My assistant, Cassandra Ling, will reach out shortly to set up an initial meeting.

Once again, Congratulations!

Warmly,

Naomi Rubin DeVeaux Deputy Director, DC Public Charter School Board

Enclosure

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

Kingsman PCS agrees to satisfy the following conditions:

If the School wins the RFP released by Options PCS, by June 1, 2015, the school will finalize an asset acquisition agreement with the court-appointed receiver of Options PCS and the first set of dates apply to the conditions below. If the school is not selected by the Receiver, the second set of dates applies.

- 1. By June 1, 2015, the school will finalize an asset acquisition agreement with the Court-Appointed Receiver of Options PCS, pending PCSB and Court approval. If the school does not secure such an agreement, it will not be eligible to open in fall 2015 but rather by fall 2016 and must meet the following additional condition: By January 2016, the school will secure a sufficient school facility as evidenced by submitting a lease or purchase agreement to PCSB. If, due to circumstances outside of the school's control, a lease or purchase agreement cannot be secured by that date, the school will submit a detailed timeline of not more than 60 days for securing a facility by January 15, 2016.
- 2. By February 15, 2015 or September 1, 2015, the school will revise its two-year budget to the satisfaction of PCSB staff.
- 3. By February 15, 2015 or September 1, 2015 identify Board members in accordance with the requirements of the School Reform Act and PCSB's standards for breadth and depth of experience, as listed in the 2014-15 Charter Application Guidelines for New Schools.
- 4. By March 13, 2015 or March 13, 2016, the school will submit to PCSB a school-signed charter agreement with all attachments consistent with PCSB's charter school agreement template (attached as Exhibit A) that has been approved by PCSB staff for PCSB Board approval. Please note that pursuant to D.C. Code § 38-1802.03(h)(2), the following sections of the charter application comprise the School's Charter and may need to be revised:
  - a. The School's statement regarding the mission and goals of the School and the manner in which the school will conduct any district-wide assessments;
  - b. Proposed Rules and Policies for Governance and Operation of School Corporation;
  - c. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws;
  - d. Procedures to Ensure Health and Safety of Students and Employees, including the school's proposed discipline policy;
  - e. Assurance to Seek, Obtain, and Maintain Accreditation; and
  - f. Relationship between School and Employees.
- 5. By May 1, 2015 or December 1, 2016, the school will develop and submit curriculum maps for each subject/content area taught in year one of operation that include: goals/objectives, standards, instructional strategies, summative assessments, and resources (instructional materials).
- 6. By May 1, 2015 or December 1, 2016, the school will revise the staff development plan with a focus on assuring consistent academic rigor throughout classrooms.

Agreed by:	Date:
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