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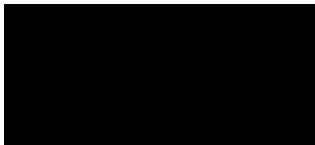
Dear Ms. Meloy:

Congratulations on receiving conditional approval for Goodwill Excel Center to operate a public charter school in Washington, D.C. beginning in school year 2016-17!

On May 18, 2015, the DC Public Charter School Board (PCSB) determined that Goodwill Excel Center'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, PCSB approved Goodwill Excel Center's 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 June 5, 2015.**

Once again, Congratulations!

Warmly,



Scott Pearson
Executive Director
DC Public Charter School Board

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Conditions of Charter Approval
- Attachment 2: Charter Agreement Template

ATTACHMENT 1

Goodwill Excel Center agrees to satisfy the following conditions:

- By August 3, 2015, the school will apply for 501(c)3 status.
- By September 8, 2015, the school will revise its special education plan to ensure that students, especially those with high needs, will be appropriately accommodated at the school. These revisions should address how the school plans to have appropriate systems and qualified staff in place to ensure compliance with all aspects of IDEA and all related DC regulations and policies related to special education. This includes, but is not limited to the following: (1) create systems to identify, evaluate, and serve students with disabilities and (2) provide a full continuum of services, placements and appropriate positive behavior supports.
- By September 8, 2015, the school shall provide an agreement between Goodwill Education Initiatives (GEI) and the school in which GEI will provide on-site, immediate support if the school falls below the GEI network's average performance for existing schools on all GEI's internal metrics, including attendance, withdrawal, graduation, and test passage rates.
- By February 1, 2016, the school shall submit appropriate documentation evidencing that it has acquired title to or otherwise secured (e.g., a lease or letter of intent) a sufficient school facility to PCSB.
- By September 8, 2015, the school will develop a community outreach plan and by February 1, 2016, the school will submit documentation of the meetings that founding members have had with ANC representatives, council members, and other relevant stakeholders prior to opening the school.
- By February 1, 2016, the school will revise and submit its bylaws to require the three Goodwill of Greater Washington board members, who also serve on the board of Goodwill Excel Center to recuse themselves from discussions related to the GGW management contract. This means, specifically, that the founders must maintain accurate records and disclose which board members were present to vote on management contracts.
- By February 1, 2016, the school will submit to PCSB a draft charter agreement that is consistent with PCSB's charter school agreement template, including all attachments. 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 require revision and are subject to Board approval, per D.C. Code § 38-1802.03(d)(1)(B):
 - 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;
 - Proposed Rules and Policies for Governance and Operation of School Corporation;
 - Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws;
 - Procedures to Ensure Health and Safety of Students and Employees, including the school's proposed discipline policy;
 - Enrollment Ceilings;

- Assurance to Seek, Obtain, and Maintain Accreditation; and
- Relationship between School and Employees.
- By March 15, 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).
- By April 1, 2016, the school's founding board will complete PCSB-provided background check release forms to undergo thorough background checks, and based on the results of those background checks, the school will resolve any substantial concerns raised by PCSB.
- Within seven days of the PCSB Board voting to approve the charter agreement, and no later than June 1, 2016, the school will submit a signed charter agreement, with all attachments.

In addition to the conditions above, PCSB can only negotiate an agreement with a school's local governing board. We suggest that a local governing board comprising at minimum three members and an interim board chair be in place by September 8, 2015. The board should identify an executive director by early January 2016. We also recommend that the school retain counsel for negotiating the charter agreement.

Should the school anticipate being incapable of meeting any deadline listed above, the school shall submit a request for an extension in writing to PCSB's Deputy Director at least ten business days before the deadline. The request shall include, at minimum, a timeline for meeting the condition's deadline.

Nonetheless, if PCSB staff determines that an on-time opening is at jeopardy due to lack of progress in meeting conditions, and especially if the charter agreement is not on track to be signed by June 1, 2016, PCSB staff may propose to the Board that it vote to deny full approval of the school's charter.

The school also commits to working with PCSB during the planning year and attend workshops and scheduled meetings with PCSB staff to ensure an on-time and successful opening.

Lead Founder

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Designated Representative responsible for ensuring all conditions are met
(can be the same as the lead founder)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____