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Re: Prairie Crossing Charter School Renewal Certification for the term of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024

Dear Ms. Johnson and Mr. Deigan:

The Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE") received documents related to the approval of the renewal of the charter school agreement for Prairie Crossing Charter School (the "Charter School") on February 15, 2019. Thereafter, the Charter School and the authorizer the Illinois State Charter School Commission ("the Commission") met other requirements necessary to complete the certification, and those requirements are described below with the date(s) of performance or submission noted as available:

- (1) Fully-executed charter agreement (May 7, 2019) and First Amendment to the Charter Agreement (September 25, 2019) and clarification memo of Transportation Plan (October 11, 2019);
- (2) Renewal Proposal and corresponding Curriculum materials (March 4, 2019) and clarifications of same (July 8, 2019);
- (3) Initial financial schedule and narrative (February 15, 2019), and fully-executed financial schedule and narrative (May 10, 2019);
- (4) English language application (February 15, 2019) and correction/clarification regarding the same; and
- (5) Special education application (February 15, 2019) and correction/clarification regarding the same (March 22, 2019).

ISBE's rules on charter schools provide:

The State Superintendent shall review each report of an approved application, revision, or renewal to determine whether the statutory requirements have been followed and the proposed contractual agreement is complete and compliant with the provisions of Article 27A of the School Code [the Charter Schools Law].

-- 23 Ill. Adm. Code 650.40(a)

The rules further provide:

The State Superintendent shall notify each local school board that is a party to the application or the Independent Authority, as applicable, and the applicant or charter holder as to a determination made with respect to a report of an approved application, renewal, or revision by certified mail within 30 days after receipt of the report.

-- 23 Ill. Adm. Code 650.40(c)

ISBE staff members have completed their review of all materials submitted by the parties for purposes of certification, and this letter serves as official notification that the charter school renewal agreement and its components have been found to comply with the Charter Schools Law. On behalf of ISBE, I hereby retroactively certify the Charter School for the term of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. An official certificate is enclosed with this letter. The Charter School's approved plans for the implementation of special education services and English Learners are also enclosed for your records.

If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact David Turovets, Acting Director of Charter Schools, at (312) 814-3596. Thank you for your continuing commitment to high-quality educational opportunities in Illinois.

Sincerely,



Dr. Carmen I. Ayala
State Superintendent of Education

Enclosures

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Charter School Certificate



Prairie Crossing Charter School

Name of charter school

Prairie Crossing Charter School

Name of founding organization

Illinois State Charter School Commission

Charter authorizer

This certifies that the above identified charter school has been certified by the Illinois State Board of Education and is entitled to operate as a charter school for a term of 5 years beginning July 1, 2019 pursuant to the Charter Schools Law. This recognition status is valid for the term of the charter.


State Superintendent of Education

11-04-2019

Date