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Dear Dr. Kauffman,

Over the past several years, the partnership between the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”) and charter schools in the area of special education has become an extraordinary model in innovation and collaboration. On behalf of the charter schools participating in the Charter Operated Program, Option 3 (“COP3”), I am writing to express our gratitude for this ongoing collaboration.

Since its implementation, COP3 has led to the development of a local charter school special education infrastructure which has enabled participating charter schools to provide an expanded range of innovative and high-quality special education services and to increase the number and range of students with disabilities that they serve. The percentage of students with disabilities served by the 139 participating charter schools has increased over 40% since its inception (11.5% of total enrollment in 2016-17), and the relative proportion of students with low incidence disabilities has increased by over 90% since its inception (2.3% of total enrollment in 2016-17). This data demonstrates the strength in the partnership as well as supports the fact that increased autonomy leads to an increase in both the numbers and the range of disabilities represented.

Nevertheless, we recognize that special education arrangements within the LAUSD SELPA are subject to change. For this reason, charter schools must take steps necessary to preserve their autonomy and infrastructure by maintaining the ability to exit the SELPA should such action be in the best interest of the charter schools and their students.

Please accept this letter as notification that the undersigned charter schools reserve the right to exit the LAUSD SELPA effective July 1, 2018.

Please note that this notice is not binding upon the undersigned charter schools. If, in consideration of all options, the charter schools find that it is not in the best interest of their students to exit the SELPA, they will remain with the LAUSD SELPA for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

We look forward to ongoing engagement and collaboration.



Brian Bauer
Board President
LAUSD Charter Operated Program, Option 3
Executive Director, Granada Hills Charter High School

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Alexa Slater, California Department of Education
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Charter Leader Signatures

Date: June 15, 2017

Signatures:

 <p>Johnathan Williams Co-Founder and CEO The Accelerated Schools</p>	 <p>Dan Katzir President & CEO Alliance College-Ready Public Schools</p>	 <p>Carolyn Hack Chief Executive Officer Aspire Public Schools</p>
 <p>Cesar Lopez, Director APEX Academy</p>	 <p>Glenda Aleman Executive Director Arts in Action</p>	 <p>Bill Parks Executive Officer / Principal Birmingham Community Charter High School</p>
 <p>Ana Ponce Executive Director Camino Nuevo Charter Academy</p>	 <p>Erin Studer Executive Director CHIME Institute</p>	 <p>Patricia Smith Founder and Director Crenshaw Arts/Tech Charter High (C.A.T.C.H.)</p>
 <p>Karen Smith, Ed. D. Principal Discovery Charter Preparatory School</p>	 <p>Oliver Sicat, CEO Ednovate/ USC Hybrid High</p>	 <p>Dave Fehte Executive Director El Camino Real Charter High School</p>

 <p>Michelle Jasso Co-Director, Academics & Culture Endeavor College Preparatory Charter School</p>	 <p>Malka Borrego Founder and CEO Equitas Academy</p>	 <p>Jim Kennedy CEO Extera Public Schools</p>
 <p>Irene Sumida Executive Director Fenton Charter Public Schools</p>	 <p>Liza Bercovici Executive Director Gabriella Charter School</p>	 <p>Brian Bauer Executive Director Granada Hills Charter High School</p>
 <p>Cristina de Jesus President and CEO Green Dot Public Schools: California</p>	 <p>Marsha Rybin Principal High Tech LA</p>	 <p>Parker Hudnut CEO ICEF Public Schools</p>
 <p>Caroline Wesley Executive Director Ivy Academia</p>	 <p>Michelle Pacifici Executive Director Ivy Bound</p>	 <p>David Langford Executive Director Ingenium</p>
 <p>Myranda S. Marsh, Ed.D. Executive Director/Founder James Jordan Middle School</p>	 <p>Marcia Aaron Executive Director KIPP LA Schools</p>	 <p>Arina Goldring Executive Director LA Leadership Academy</p>

 <p>Amy Held Executive Director Larchmont Charter School</p>	 <p>Yolanda Jiménez Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise</p>	 <p>Matt Albert Executive Director New Los Angeles Charter Schools</p>
 <p>Lynn Izakowitz Principal Our Community Charter School</p>	 <p>Caprice Young, Ed.D. CEO & Superintendent Magnolia Public Schools</p>	 <p>Gayle Nadler Executive Director Multicultural Learning Center</p>
 <p>Sylvia Fajardo Director Pacoima Charter School</p>	 <p>Pam Magee, Ed. D. Executive Director/Principal Palisades Charter High School</p>	 <p>Nik Orlando Regional Superintendent PUC Schools</p>
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 <p>Gene Fisher Board President Watts Learning Center</p>	 <p>Shawna Draxton Executive Director WISH</p>	 <p>Yvette King-Berg Executive Director YPI Charter Schools</p>

2016-17 Charter Operated Program 3 Member Schools			
LC	School	LC	School
2013	ACCELERATED ELEMENTARY (CHARTER)	8885	HIGH TECH LA (CHARTER)
5202	ALLIANCE COL RDY #12(CHARTER)	2126	ICEF DANTZLER (LOU) PREPARATORY EL (CHARTER)
7685	ALLIANCE COL RDY #16(CHARTER)	2125	ICEF Innovation Los Angeles Charter (CHARTER)
7623	ALLIANCE COL RDY #20(CHARTER)	2016	ICEF VIEW PK PREP ACC EL
5200	ALLIANCE COL RDY #8(CHARTER)	8653	ICEF VIEW PK PREP ACC HS(CHARTER)
5160	ALLIANCE COL RDY MA4(CHARTER)	8460	ICEF VIEW PK PREP ACC MS(CHARTER)
7686	Alliance COLLEGE READY HS #18(CHARTER)	2127	ICEF VISTA EL ACAD(CHARTER)
8647	ALLIANCE COLLINS HS	8004	ICEF VISTA MIDDLE ACADEMY(CHARTER)
5161	ALLIANCE CRMA #5(CHARTER)	5203	INGENIUM CH MS(CHARTER)
8823	ALLIANCE DR. OLGA MOHAN HS (CHARTER)	2133	INGENIUM CHT EL(CHARTER)
8215	Alliance ENVIRONMNTL SCI&TECH(CHARTER)	4672	IVY ACADEMIA (CHARTER)
8626	Alliance GERTZ-RESSLER ACAD HS(COLLEGE READY H.S.)(CHARTER)	8121	IVY BOUND AC MST MS(CHARTER)
8213	ALLIANCE HEALTH SERVICES ACADEMY HS(CHARTER)	5196	IVY BOUND AC MST MS2(CHARTER)
8646	ALLIANCE JUDY BURTON TECH HS (HERITAGE COL RDY)	8195	JAMES JORDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL (CHARTER)
5201	ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP MIDDLE ACADEMY(CHARTER)	8458	KIPP ACADEMY OF OPPORTUNITY (CHARTER)
7694	ALLIANCE LUSKIN ACAD(CHARTER)	2159	KIPP COMIENZA COM PR(CHARTER)
7591	ALLIANCE MARINE 6-12	2264	KIPP EL #5(CHARTER)
8824	ALLIANCE NEUWIRTH HS	2158	KIPP EMPOWER ACADEMY
8115	Alliance SKIRBALL MS(CHARTER)	2081	KIPP IGNITE ACAD
7684	ALLIANCE SMIDT TECH(CHARTER)	2261	KIPP ILUMINAR ACAD(CHARTER)
8826	ALLIANCE STERN(MARC & EVA) MATH/SCIENCE (CHARTER)	8457	KIPP LA COLLEGE PREP (CHARTER)
7760	ALLIANCE TENNENBAUM(CHARTER)	5197	KIPP MS #6(CHARTER)
8825	ALLIANCE WILLIAM & CAROL OUCHI HS (CHARTER)	5188	KIPP PHILOSOPHERS AC
5181	ANIMO CHARTER MS #3(CHARTER)	2080	KIPP PROMESA PREP
5180	ANIMO CHARTER MS #4(CHARTER)	2043	KIPP RAICES ACADEMY(CHARTER)
7693	ANIMO COLLEGE PREP(CHARTER)	5187	KIPP SCHOLAR ACADEMY(CHARTER)
8818	ANIMO JACKIE ROBINSON SENIOR HIGH (JEF#2)(CHARTER)	5189	KIPP SOL ACADEMY(CHARTER)
8087	ANIMO LOCKE HS #1(CHARTER)	8756	LA LEADERSHIP ACA CS
8504	ANIMO PAT BROWN HIGH SCHOOL (CHARTER)	2252	LA LEADERSHP PRIM AC(CHARTER)
8505	ANIMO SOUTH LOS ANGELES SENIOR HIGH (CHARTER)	4783	LARCHMONT CS
8822	ANIMO WATTS #2 (CHARTER)	8461	MAGNOLIA SCI ACAD #2(CHARTER)
8690	APEX ACADEMY(CHARTER)	8464	MAGNOLIA SCI ACAD #3(CHARTER)
2258	ARTS IN ACTION CC(CHARTER)	8011	MAGNOLIA SCI ACAD #4(CHARTER)
5194	ASPIRE CENTENNIAL CP	8012	MAGNOLIA SCI ACAD #5(CHARTER)
2161	ASPIRE FIRESTN ACAD(CHARTER)	8013	MAGNOLIA SCI ACAD #6(CHARTER)
2162	ASPIRE GATEWY ACAD(CHARTER)	8014	MAGNOLIA SCI ACAD #7(CHARTER)

2255	ASPIRE INSKEEP ACAD(CHARTER)	5166	MAGNOLIA SCI-BELL@SR(CHARTER)
7733	ASPIRE PACIFIC ACAD(CHARTER)	8454	MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY (CHARTER)
2253	ASPIRE SLAUSON ACAD(CHARTER)	8214	MEDIA ARTS&ENTERTAIN(CHARTER)
2254	ASPIRE TATE ACAD EL	3550	MULTICULTURAL LEARNING CENTER (CHARTER)
8054	BERT CORONA CS	2023	NEW ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & ARTS (CHARTER)
8557	BIRMINGHAM SH(CHARTER)	8015	NEW LOS ANGELES CS
5987	CAMINO NUEVO ACAD #2(CHARTER)	5902	OUR COMMUNITY CS
2251	CAMINO NUEVO ACAD #4(CHARTER)	5973	PACOIMA ELEMENTARY (CHARTER)
2017	CAMINO NUEVO CA	8798	PALISADES CHS
2157	CAMINO NUEVO EL #3(CHARTER)	8154	PUC CALIF ACADEMY FOR LIBERAL STUDIES MS (CHARTER)
7624	CAMINO NUEVO HS #2(CHARTER)	2282	PUC COMM CEL
2257	CELERITY CARDINAL CS(CHARTER)	8453	PUC COMM CMS & CHS
2116	CELERITY DYAD CS	7687	PUC EARLY COLL ACAD(CHARTER)
2925	CELERITY NASCENT CS	5221	PUC INSPIRE CA
5985	CELERITY OCTAVIA CHT(CHARTER)	8212	PUC LAKEVIEW CA
5184	CELERITY PALMATI CHT(CHARTER)	7732	PUC LAKEVIEW CHS
2118	CELERITY TROIKA CS	5313	PUC MILAGRO CH EL
2020	CHIME SCHWARZENEGGER(CHARTER)	7779	PUC NUEVA ESPERANZA ACAD(CHARTER)
2279	CLEMENTE CS	7778	PUC SANTA ROSA CHT ACAD(CHARTER)
8654	CRENSHAW ARTS - TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL (CHARTER)	8426	PUC TRIUMPH ACADEMY (CHARTER)
8605	DISCOVERY CH PREP #2	8196	Romero
7595	EDNOVATE-USC ECP	6548	SANTA MONICA BLVD CO
8617	EL CAMINO REAL CH HS(CHARTER)	7029	SYNERGY CA
5163	ENDEAVOR COLL PREP(CHARTER)	8018	SYNERGY KINETIC ACAD(CHARTER)
2154	EQUITAS ACAD CHT SCH(CHARTER)	7692	SYNERGY QUANTUM ACAD(CHARTER)
5190	EQUITAS ACADEMY 2(CHARTER)	2015	THE ACCELERATED
2024	EXCEL ACADEMY (CHARTER)	7672	USC HYBRID HS
2256	EXTERA PUBLIC SCHOOL(CHARTER)	7452	VAUGHN NEXT CENTURY LEARNING CENTER (CHARTER)
2078	FENTON ACAD FOR SEL	5984	Vista MS
2079	FENTON ACAD STEM	8828	WALLIS ANNENBERG HIGH SCHOOL (CHARTER)
3747	FENTON AVENUE ELEMENTARY (CHARTER)	7620	WATTS LEARNING CENTER SCHOOL (CHARTER)
3746	FENTON PC(CHARTER)	7756	WESTSIDE INNOV SCH(CHARTER)
4034	GABRIELLA CS	7598	YPI CORONA CH
8681	GRANADA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL (CHARTER)		