

Resolution of The Board of Directors of Camino Nuevo Charter Academy
Regarding Transitional Kindergarten Requirements

May 11, 2021

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education (CDE) and State Superintendent of Public Instruction fully support the transitional kindergarten (TK) program.

WHEREAS, SB 876 added additional requirements for TK teachers. Pursuant to *EC 48000(g)*, a school district or charter school shall ensure that credentialed teachers who are first assigned to a TK classroom after July 1, 2015, have, by August 1, 2020, one of the following:

1. At least 24 units in early childhood education, or childhood development, or both.
2. As determined by the local educational agency employing the teacher, professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described in bullet 1.
3. A child development teacher permit issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

WHEREAS, SB 876 further allowed for any current credentialed teacher who is or was assigned to teach TK, or a combination class of kindergarten and TK, on or before July 1, 2015, is grandfathered in to teach TK without having to meet additional requirements.

WHEREAS, Camino Nuevo Charter Academy has worked with all affected teachers to ensure they were qualified to continue in their TK position under options #1 and #2 by August 1, 2020, and recruited new teachers who meet the same qualifications.

WHEREAS, we continue to have need and propose to define “professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described in bullet 1.”

WHEREAS, we anticipate the Governor approving an extension at the May Revise scheduled for June 15, 2021 for a new anticipated deadline will be August 1, 2021, it is of our opinion this flexibility will continue to be needed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Camino Nuevo Charter Academy has determined the professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described in bullet 1 for the purposes of eligibility to be employed as a TK, or a combination class of kindergarten and TK, teacher as one (1) year served in a full-time TK, or a combination class of kindergarten and TK position. Camino Nuevo Charter Academy further defines each quarter school year served in a full-time TK, or a combination class of kindergarten and TK, position as the equivalent to nine (9) units.

David Gidlow
Secretary to the Board of Directors

DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL: _____