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Mountain Empire Unified School District Renews Academy of Arts & Sciences' (AAS) San Diego Charter

Thousand Oaks, CA – The Mountain Empire Unified School District approved the renewal of the charter petition for Academy of Arts & Sciences: San Diego at their regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Their decision continues the partnership between AAS and the district to serve the needs of scholars looking for unique educational opportunities.

“It is a great honor to have our AAS San Diego charter petition renewed by our partners, the Mountain Empire USD,” said J.J. Lewis, AAS President & CEO. “We are committed to providing a robust educational experience to the scholars we serve throughout the region and look forward to growing these opportunities for our current and prospective scholars and their families.”

The board approved the charter renewal for another five-year term after a comprehensive review by district staff, along with comments from AAS scholars, parents, partners, and staff during last month’s Public Hearing. AAS currently serves close to 400 scholars who reside in San Diego, Imperial, Orange, and Riverside Counties through its virtual program.

“We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Academy of Arts and Sciences San Diego. As a public school of choice, the Academy of Arts and Sciences San Diego provides families with an educational option for their children,” remarked Dr. Kathy Granger, Mountain Empire USD Superintendent. “The dedicated staff members at AAS create a personalized learning plan and environment for each of the AAS scholars and provide the structure and support for scholar success every step of the way.”

AAS is a growing independent study charter school providing a rigorous virtual education to scholars in grades TK through 12. Scholars come from various backgrounds and experiences and are looking for individualized educational choices that fit their schedules, lifestyles, and interests. AAS teachers and staff provide direct instruction in virtual classroom sessions, offer field trips and enrichment activities, and use research-based programs to benchmark and support scholar success throughout the year.

“I believe that a school like AAS is much needed in this day and age, whether you have a scholar who is excelling, or one that needs a little extra help. The academics of AAS are exemplary. Our scholar is able to concentrate on learning without any distractions,” shared Therese Christopher, learning coach and member of the Parent Advisory Council. “The teachers are awesome! They are more than supportive, and will go to any lengths to ensure their scholars needs.”

About the Academy of Arts & Sciences

The Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAS) is one of California’s leading WASC-accredited virtual public charter schools serving scholars throughout the state, through its home study and online options for scholars in grades kindergarten through 12. AAS is committed to creating a collaborative virtual learning community, inspiring scholars to appreciate the ways in which arts and sciences nurture a curiosity for lifelong learning, and preparing scholars to take responsibility for their future successes.

For more information about AAS, visit www.aascalifornia.org.