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Trivium Preparatory Academy
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Dear Dr. Scoggin and Ms. Bishop,

Trivium Preparatory Academy ("TPA") has submitted an Enrollment Cap Notification Request to increase the enrollment cap from 350 to 605. As Great Hearts Academies – Trivium Prep ("Trivium Prep") has not met the Board's academic performance expectations for the current or prior year, on January 13, 2015, the Board granted permission for TPA to submit an expansion request including the Data component of the Demonstration of Sufficient Progress ("DSP Data").

On March 11, 2015, TPA submitted an Enrollment Cap Notification Request including the DSP Data. Board staff reviewed the DSP Data, and found that for measures 1a. (Student Median Growth Percentile for Math and Reading), and 1b. (Student Median Growth Percentile for students with performance in the bottom 25% for Math and Reading), the data and analysis presented demonstrated improved academic performance in percent passing, but did not demonstrate improved student growth. The data tables for each indicator in measures 1a. and 1b. provided a single data point from FY2014 and from FY2015 showing the percent of students in each risk level as provided by the ATI Galileo assessment system, but did not identify from what point in time the data was taken. The data tables did not provide any indication of the rate of change over time for comparable periods, which is required to demonstrate improvement for each indicator in measures 1a. and 1b. The submission also contained an analysis of the validity and reliability of the ATI Galileo system risk levels as a predictor of the percentage of students who were identified at the various risk levels and went on to pass the AIMS assessment. However, the analysis did not address how the ATI Galileo risk levels would provide a valid and reliable predictor of the comparative rates of student growth, which is required to demonstrate improvement for each indicator in measures 1a. and 1b.

On April 23, 2015, at 8:35 a.m., Board staff called Ms. Diane Bishop of Great Hearts Academies, described how the submitted data did not present the required demonstration of improved growth, and provided technical assistance regarding how improved growth might be shown using valid and reliable indicators for each measure. TPA was given 24 hours to review the data and provide data and analysis that demonstrated improved student growth in the current year

compared to a comparable period in the prior year. Ms. Bishop was informed that the deadline for submission of the revised data was 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015.

On April 24, at 8:43 a.m., Ms. Bishop left a voice mail with a Board staff member stating that TPA would go forward with the data originally submitted, and would not be submitting revised data. She further stated that she hoped the Charter Holder would still have the opportunity to appear before the Board so the school could discuss the situation and present their interpretation of the data.

Based on this request, Board staff will continue to process the Enrollment Cap Notification Request to appear on the agenda of the May 18, 2015 meeting of the Board, with a staff recommendation based on a review of the DSP Data originally submitted.

Sincerely,

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