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Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Ball Charter Schools (Westside)

Dear Ms. Kelley,

This letter is to request a Good Cause Extension for the signing and execution of the charter contract for Ball Charter Schools (Westside). We are asking to delay the signing, no later than November 27, 2010, one year from our current date for signing. The Governance Board anticipates opening the replication charter school for the 2011-2012 school year.

We have narrowed our focus and target areas based on the experiences we have had during this due diligence period. School representatives and members of the School Expansion Committee of the Governing Board are currently meeting with land owners and are involved in preliminary interviews with potential architects, namely, Ben Barcon – ADM Group; Vispi Karanjia – Orcutt/Winslow Partnership; George Zajacek – Lamb Architects; Vincent DiBella – Saemisch & DiBella; and Dwight Norton - Fountainhead. We anticipate that final architect selection will be made by the end of October. "Letters of Intent" are now offered on several properties and should we open escrow to move forward on the purchases, then we will sign the contract for the appropriate opening date prior to the deadline you set.

Please consider our request for the Good Cause Extension, as we continue to strive to open Ball Charter Schools (Westside).

Sincerely,

Michael Larrabee
President, Governance Board
Ball Charter Schools

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