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April 12, 2010

Susan Douglas, Ramon Elias
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RE: Notice of Intent Not to Renew Charter
Charter Renewal Application

Dear Mesa Arts Academy:

At its January 25, 2010 meeting, the State Board of Education approved a motion not to proceed with the renewal of current charter contracts and refer charter holders currently sponsored by the State Board of Education and whose charters are due to expire to the State Board for Charter Schools ("Charter Board") for the consideration of a transfer/renewal of the charter. Therefore, this letter serves as official written notice that the State Board of Education will not renew the charter contract for Mesa Arts Academy that expires on 7/19/2011.

On 1/19/2010, the Charter Board provided renewal materials to Mesa Arts Academy. The Charter Board will accept the timely submission of the renewal application package by Mesa Arts Academy as a dual request to transfer sponsorship to the Charter Board and application for renewal of the charter. The Charter Board will process the renewal application in accordance with its processes. When the renewal application is considered by the Charter Board, a motion to approve the renewal application, if passed by the Charter Board, would also include language that the transfer/renewal would be effective upon the expiration of Mesa Arts Academy's current charter contract with the State Board of Education .

If you have any questions regarding the transfer/renewal process, please contact Martha Morgan at the Charter Board at 602-364-3084. Also, information regarding the process can be found on the Charter Board's website at http://asbcs.az.gov/.

Sincerely,

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