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DECREASE GRADE LEVELS OF CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Sunnyside Charter & Montessori School (CTDS) 138767000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) P.O. Box 2166

(City, State) Camp Verde, AZ (Zip) 86322

(Charter Representative's Name) Betty J. Chester

(Phone Number) (928) 567-2363 (Fax Number) (928) 567-5374

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Decreasing grade levels served for charter

Included is the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with ARS §38-431.01)
- Rationale for decrease in grade levels served and effective date of change
- Narrative describing 1) the number of students displaced; 2) efforts taken by the school to provide students with options and assistance in enrolling in another school

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Sunnyside Charter & Montessori School (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM GRADES SERVED: 6th - 9th

TO GRADES SERVED: 6th - 8th

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 9th day of September, 2010, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this 9 day of 9, 2010 to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.

Betty J. Chester
Charter Representative Signature

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Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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September 14, 2010

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
1700 W. Washington St., Room 164
Phoenix, AZ

Sunnyside Charter and Montessori School is requesting that its charter be amended from grades 6-9 to grades 6-8 effective 9/9/2010. This action will not adversely affect 9th graders in the Camp Verde area as there is a regular public High School in both Camp Verde and Cottonwood. Most 8th grade students prefer to go to the public High School. Sunnyside Charter and Montessori School has no 9th graders this year. During the '09-'10 school year we only had two 9th graders.

If you need any additional information, please call.

Sincerely,



Dr. Betty Chester
Director

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Sept. 9, 2010

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: Chester Newton Office

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Chester, D.G. Campbell, Richard Sullivan, Marilyn Poeppel and Keven Chester

OTHER; Shirley Sullivan, Mary Redmon

1. General Function

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 AM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by D.G. Campbell.
3. July 1, 2010 minutes approved

2. Sunnyside Charter & Montessori School Reduction of Grade Level

1. Dr. Betty Chester stated that after much discussion and polling students and parents she has decided to let our 9th grade go. Most students prefer to go to a regular High School. For the 2010-2011 we have no students enrolled in the 9th grade. Another consideration was the training program required for teacher's credentials. Dr. Betty would like to petition the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools to remove the 9th grade from the Sunnyside Charter & Montessori School.
2. Motion made by Dr. D.G. Campbell to petition the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools to remove the 9th grade from Sunnyside Charter & Montessori School. Motion seconded by Richard Sullivan and carried unanimously.

3. Principal's Report

1. Dr. Shirley Sullivan passed out the Principal's report, which also included Food Service, and Facilities status reports.
2. Dr. Betty Chester and Dr. Shirley Sullivan lead general discussion of enrollment. Chester Newton Charter and Montessori School lost \$50,000.00 due to Kindergarten being reduced to half day.

4. New Business

1. Dr. Shirley Sullivan previously passed out the Open Meeting Law to all Board Members. Per Dr. Sullivan one requirement of the law is that it needs to be presented to the board and that there be opportunity for questions. There was a general discussion of the components of the Open Meeting Law with a detailed explanation of the 7 reasons we could go into Executive Session. Dr. Betty Chester reminded all that it is not allowed in a social setting to discuss anything from the school.

5. Old Business

No old business

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.