

April 15, 2016

Brad Blue  
Executive Director  
Minnesota Guild of Public Charter Schools  
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Dear Mr. Blue:

Thank you for submitting a new charter school affidavit to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for Marine Area Community School (MACS). Congratulations, the revised affidavit submitted on April 5, 2016, is approved. The rubric generated by MDE's review of your revised affidavit for MACS is enclosed with this letter.

This approval grants the Minnesota Guild of Public Charter Schools (Guild) the ability to charter MACS to serve students in grades K-6 at one site in Marine on St. Croix beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

MDE approves this affidavit with the following expectations:

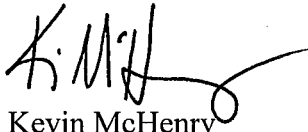
- The Guild incorporates the accountability goals described in the approved affidavit in its initial charter contract with MACS;
- The Guild carefully implements the oversight plans described in the affidavit; and
- The Guild carefully oversees the establishment and operations of the new charter school in alignment with the attached Authorizer Assurances *Relating to Leases with Sectarian Organizations and Other Matters Regarding the Accommodation of Religion in Public Schools*. **Please complete the enclosed Authorizer Assurances form and submit to MDE with the Guild's charter contract with MACS.**

The Guild has 45 business days from the date of this letter (April 15, 2016) to complete the contract with MACS. Additionally, the Guild shall submit to the commissioner a copy of the signed charter contract within ten business days of its execution.

Submit MACS' chartering documents exactly as instructed in the enclosed document, "Next Steps: New School Chartering Process." A charter number will be assigned to the new school once all necessary documents are received by MDE. Please contact Paula Higgins at paula.higgins@state.mn.us or 651-582-8315, with any questions regarding the chartering process.

Best wishes for the success of Marine Area Community School.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Commissioner

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15.12-08 Authorizer Assurances