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Moreland School District Board of Education
Superintendent Mark Barmore
4711 Campbell Avenue
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Dear MSD Trustees and Superintendent Barmore:

As a life-long professor of Asian American and Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley, who started the first Chinese immersion program in San Francisco more than 30 years ago, I fully support the establishment of Wei Yu International Charter School. This charter school will join the larger national movement of teaching Chinese and other foreign languages in elementary, secondary and higher education institutions across the U.S. and is also aligned with the State and County education goal of developing bilingual and biliteracy skills. In fact, the State and County have established the Seal of Biliteracy program, which formally recognizes high school graduates who have attained advanced levels of proficiency in English and one or more additional languages.

As a strong advocate of public education options and language immersion programs, I value the education model of Wei Yu International Charter School. China's political, economic and cultural impact in generations to come will be significant. As business and political relationships between the US and China deepen and become more complex, having the skills to communicate with people in this increasingly important part of the world will be a valuable asset.

I believe the Wei Yu International Charter School will bring great value to the Moreland School District by providing a critical public education option for students and parents, and encourage the Moreland School District to authorize its establishment.

Sincerely,

L. Ling-chi Wang
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