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Moreland School District Board of Education
4711 Campbell Avenue
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Dear Moreland Board members:

On behalf of the California Charter Schools Association (CCSA), I am writing to ask your support for approval of Wei Yu International Charter School petition. This petition is the result of a parent- and community-driven effort to bring a unique, innovative Mandarin-immersion model with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM).

CCSA is committed to supporting quality new school developers through the petition development and authorization process. We provided guidance to the founding group and are excited with their school model. By way of this petition, Moreland parents are expressing their interest in expanded school options, particularly ones that will give their students the skills they need to thrive in the 21st century workplace and in Silicon Valley. By approving this charter, you would expand the portfolio of options for families in Moreland School District.

To guide your decision on this charter petition, the California Education Code is clear – a local educational agency shall not deny the approval of a charter petition unless it adopts written findings, specific to the petition, that:

1. The charter school presents an unsound educational program.
2. The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program;
3. The petition does not contain the required number of signatures;
4. The petition does not contain the required affirmations; or
5. The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the 16 elements described by law.

CCSA firmly believes the school fully meets all these legal requirements. In light of their legally compliant petition and their commitment to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to attain a high-quality education, I ask that you support the approval of Wei Yu International Charter School petition and demonstrate your commitment to providing high quality public school options to all students in Santa Clara County.

Best regards,

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