



March 19, 2009

Anna Song, Board President  
Santa Clara County Office of Education  
1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, CA 95131-2304

Re: Request for material revision to DCP Alum Rock charter petition

Dear President Song,

The purpose of this letter is to request a material revision to the DCP Alum Rock charter petition. DCP Alum Rock seeks to delay its opening by one school year, from 2010-2011 to 2011-2012.

The decision to delay the opening of DCP Alum Rock was made by DCP's Board of Directors on March 10, 2010 at an official meeting of the Board of Directors. This decision was made in an effort to ensure the best possible academic program for students enrolled in the school.

Since the original charter petition was developed in 2008, and subsequently authorized in November of 2009, DCP has experienced a 26% decrease in state revenues. This decrease has dramatically impacted DCP Alum Rock's financial model and program scope.

DCP's Board of Directors would like to use this as an opportunity to develop a financial model for the program reflective of the increasingly conservative projections for state revenue. The instability of education funding in the State has had a devastating impact on public schools. The Board is committed to ensuring the school's financial sustainability into the future.

We recognize that this does not change the term of the charter. Should this item need to be placed on the SCCOE Board of Directors agenda, we request that it be placed on the April 21<sup>st</sup> agenda. We will wait to hear from you with regard to next steps.

We appreciate your support of high-quality charter schools authorized by SCCOE.

I can be reached by email or phone at 408 674-6300.

Regards,

  
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Co-founder and Executive Director

Cc: Dr. Charles Weis, Superintendent, Santa Clara County Office of Education  
Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, Santa Clara County Office of Education  
James Gibbons-Shapiro, President, DCP Board of Directors