April 28, 2011

Mr. Joseph Di Salvo, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131-2304

Dear Board President Di Salvo,

The purpose of this letter is to request a material revision to delay the opening of Magnolia Science Academy-Milpitas until Fall 2012, because of facilities issues.

During the past year, we have been in regular contact with all local churches and private schools in the area as well as reviewed several other commercial properties. Three suitable sites were identified, but two were quickly purchased by development companies for residential use. A third property is available for lease but the cost of converting it is prohibitive. Additionally, acquiring the conditional use permit and completing the necessary studies by the beginning of the next school year are unlikely.

As part of our search, we also met with the mayor of Milpitas and the superintendent of Milpitas Unified School District. Although, we appreciated the time and willingness of both officials to assist where possible, facilities solutions are very difficult to solve.

Because of the many activities that must commence immediately in order to open a school with a highly qualified staff that is appropriately equipped with the supplies and equipment to serve students well, we have determined that we cannot open a school in Milpitas at this time. We are still very committed to serving the students of Santa Clara County and look forward to locating an appropriate facility in the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Chief Executive Officer
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    Lucretia Peebles, Ph.D., Director, Charter Schools