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Office of the Executive Director

May 10, 2023

Melissa Kaplan, Deputy Superintendent of Education
Stella Middle Charter Academy
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Dear Superintendent Kaplan:

At the May 5, 2023, Committee on Accreditation (COA) meeting, the COA reviewed the provisional site visit accreditation team report that is required as one of the last steps at the end of the provisional period of the Initial Institutional Approval (IIA) process. This site visit report is required in advance of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's consideration of Stella Middle Charter Academy for final Institutional Approval as part of the conclusion of Stage V of the IIA process.

After consideration of the team report and discussion with the institutional personnel and team lead, the COA acted to assign the status of *Accreditation with Stipulations* to Stella Middle Charter Academy and its credential program, pending a decision by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing on whether to grant final Institutional Approval. For this final stage of the IIA process, the Commission will take into account the team report and the COA recommendation in determining whether to grant final approval to Stella Middle Charter Academy.

Commission staff will work with you to schedule your appearance before the Commission at one of its upcoming regularly scheduled public meetings. If granted approval by the Commission at that time, another letter will be issued confirming the completion of the Initial Institutional Approval process and informing you of your institution's accreditation status as well as provide you with additional important information.

The following stipulations have been placed on the institution:

Within 6 months Stella Middle Charter Academy will provide evidence of:

1. a clearly defined process to identify and support candidates who need additional assistance to meet competencies; and,
2. clear, documented procedures for candidates to repeat portions of the program as needed.

In addition:

- The institution's response to the preconditions is accepted.
- Stella Middle Charter Academy continues on the schedule of accreditation activities as determined by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Should you or your staff have any questions relating to this action, you may address them to Cheryl Hickey, Administrator of Accreditation, at chickey@ctc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Vixie Sandy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Vixie Sandy, Ed. D.
Executive Director

cc: Ashley Colburn, Director, Teacher Induction and Development
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