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February 1, 2021

Marshall White, President
Board of Trustees
Ocean Academy Charter School
1650 Massachusetts Avenue
Lakewood, New Jersey 08701

Dear Mr. White:

Ocean Academy Charter School (OACS) opened in 2017 and is currently in its fourth year of operation. OACS submitted its Renewal Application on October 15, 2020 and has been evaluated by the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) on its academic performance, fiscal viability, and operational stability. Through the renewal process, OACS requested to increase enrollment from 340 seats to 540 seats and expand the grade levels served from kindergarten through fifth grade to kindergarten through eighth grade by June of 2026.

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-17* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:11-2.3(b)*, the Department has completed a comprehensive review of the school including but not limited to, the renewal application, annual reports, student performance on statewide assessments, a structured interview with school officials, public comments, and the fiscal impact on the sending district in order to render a renewal decision. Based on this review, it is my pleasure to inform you that I am renewing OACS for a period of five years through June 30, 2026. A Renewal Summary Report, which contains the findings gathered from the comprehensive review, is forthcoming.

Based on the criteria outlined in the Academic Performance Framework, OACS earned a summative Tier Rank 2 at 49.7% of total points possible based on 2018-2019 statewide assessment results. OACS's grade configuration in the first charter term allowed for only one tested grade for one year; therefore, OACS was ineligible to earn points in the closing gaps and growth categories of the Academic Performance Framework. Absent 2019-2020 result of statewide assessments, representatives of OACS described the assessment cycle and data analysis of locally administered assessments used to continue measuring and monitoring academic achievement and progress. As demonstrated in the Renewal Summary Report, OACS met standard on most rated measures in the Fiscal Performance Framework and met standard on many indicators in the Organizational Performance Framework. Through the review, Department representatives determined that OACS is faithful to its mission and has implemented the key design elements included in its charter.

For these reasons and for reasons further described in the Renewal Summary Report, I am approving OACS's expansion from grades kindergarten through five to grades kindergarten through eight, and enrollment from 340 seats to 540 seats beginning in 2021-2022.

Marshall White, Board President

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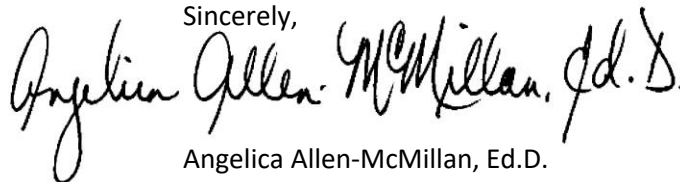
The following chart confirms OACS's approved maximum enrollment for the approved district of residence of Lakewood.

	2020-2021 (current approved maximum)	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
K	60	60	60	60	60	60
1	60	60	60	60	60	60
2	60	60	60	60	60	60
3	60	60	60	60	60	60
4	60	60	60	60	60	60
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TOTAL	340	420	480	540	540	540

Be advised that if this expansion requires an additional facility, then the Board of Trustees must submit to the Commissioner an amendment request to add the new facility. Additionally, prior to occupying the new facility, a certificate of occupancy with an "E" use, a fire inspection report and a sanitary inspection certificate must be obtained, and representatives from the Ocean County Office of Education must complete a health and safety inspection of the facility.

Please accept my best wishes as you continue to serve the students of New Jersey and provide a quality public school option for families.

Sincerely,



Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D.
Acting Commissioner

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