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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL (joel.medley@dpi.nc.gov)
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Dr. Joel Medley
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RE: Request for Review of Recommended Revocation of Charter

Dear Dr. Medley:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Entrepreneur High School, Inc. ("School") and in response to your letter of January 23, 2015, I hereby request that the State Board of Education (SBE) review the decision of the SBE Executive Committee to recommend revocation of the School's charter. I also request that the appointed Review Panel allow for a hearing for which we may appear and present more complete and recent information relevant to the reasons stated in the Revocation Notice and to the panelists' questions.

In advance of that opportunity, I note several compelling reasons for rejecting or suspending action on the revocation recommendation.

1. The School has just recently successfully enlisted and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (attached "MOU") with a nationally engaged and reputed charter school management company with experience in vocational/technical project-based training, Lighthouse Academies, Inc. ("Lighthouse"). Lighthouse has extensive management, financial, and fundraising experience and resources. We believe the Executive Committee may not have had sufficient time to review and consider this new partnership because the MOU and our cover letter (attached) were submitted on the same day that the Executive Committee met. (Comments made at the meeting appear to confirm that members had not sufficiently reviewed or considered that material.)
2. State moneys are currently not flowing to the School, so there is no financial risk to postponing the revocation decision; students and taxpayers are at no risk since students have been temporarily transferred to other schools for the time being. (This decision was necessitated by the curtailment of funding preventing continuation of the school's liability insurance and its security arrangements.)
3. Suspension of the decision would allow the School and Lighthouse to remedy past management and record-keeping issues and raise capital to meet existing and future financial obligations, while also restoring the School to meet vocational/technical

education needs in the community. These needs are evidenced by the commitment of a significant percentage of the previously enrolled parents and students to return to the school, should its doors reopen.

4. The School will be lead by a recomposed board made up of experienced professionals committed to restoring the School, in partnership with Lighthouse, and with extensive support from the community, community leaders and organizations, as evidenced by the collateral material included in the exhibits below and incorporating input and guidance sought from OCS/DPI staff as we do so.
5. In exchange for rejecting or suspending the revocation decision, the School would agree to meet OCS/SBE-established benchmarks in the coming months as indicators of sufficient remedial efforts by the School and Lighthouse. Should we fail to meet those benchmarks, a decision to revoke or transfer the charter may then be timely.

Following this request we will be submitting additional documentation in support of our request. Upon the grant of a hearing, we will provide more detail for why rejecting or suspending a revocation is warranted.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rob Hillman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rob Hillman
Chairman
Entrepreneur High School, Inc.