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**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2016 8:28 AM

**To:** PATTISON Kate - ODE

**Subject:** Re: Waivers

Kate,

Thanks for the opportunity to answer your questions about our waiver applications. Please see our responses below.

1. For which school year will this waiver first apply if approved?

The waivers in this application will begin to apply for open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year.

2. We will need a letter of support or no contest signed by the sponsoring district superintendent. This is something the board has recently asked for.

We have requested a letter from the district and will forward as soon as we receive it.

3. What are your staff demographics?

19 female/4 male

14 Hispanic/9 Caucasian

4. How would the school verify if the middle school student had transferred from an elementary school Spanish Language immersion program?

As a part of our enrollment process, we will request the name of the school from which middle school students are transferring. Prior to granting priority enrollment status, Arco Iris staff will contact the elementary school to verify that the student is a current student in the Spanish Language immersion program. We will do this via telephone and/or a paper form.

5. Does the school have a plan for students who would transfer in from an elementary school Spanish Language immersion program with limited Spanish language proficiency?

Currently, we enroll students in all grades without any knowledge of Spanish Language abilities. Thus, most of our new students enter the school with limited Spanish Language proficiency. Teachers partner students with proficient speakers and offer support as needed for all students. However, all of the Spanish language immersion programs in our vicinity (that we have contacted) administer a Spanish language proficiency test prior to admitting a student in grade 2 or higher. If a student is not grade-level proficient, they are not admitted into the school. Based on this, we anticipate that all students coming from a Spanish language program would be proficient at a level similar to Arco Iris middle school students.

6. How many elementary school Spanish Language immersion programs are in your region? Are they all public?

The number of Spanish Immersion schools listed below are all public schools.

Beaverton School District :

○ 2 – K-5 schools

○ 1 – K-8 school

○ 2 – 6-8 schools offer a single Spanish for Spanish speakers class, but it is for neighborhood children only

Hillsboro School District

○ 8 – K-6 schools

○ 1 – 7-8 school

Portland Public School District

○ 4 – K-5 schools

○ 5 – K-8 schools

○ 3 – 6-8 schools

Tigard/Tualatin School District

○ 2 – K-5 schools

There is one private school in downtown Portland, The International School, which offers a K-5 Spanish Immersion program (tuition is \$15,000).

We also have a follow-up question. We understand that the waiver for priority enrollment for the children of board members will not be approved for our next charter contract. Would a current board member with a

child to enroll for the 2017-18 school year be granted the priority enrollment status because she joined our school board when the waiver was a part of the contract?

Thanks for your consideration. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

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On Tue, Feb 16, 2016 at 3:20 PM, PATTISON Kate - ODE <[kate.pattison@state.or.us](mailto:kate.pattison@state.or.us)> wrote:

Hi Erin,

Thank you for submitting these waiver requests in the proper format.

I have some follow-up questions for your school. The information will help me prepare the dockets for the State Board.

I expect to present your waivers at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The staff waiver will be on the consent agenda, the middle school waiver will be a first read item with a vote in May. We will not recommend approving the request for children of board members because as public officials it is an ethics issue and the board members could be receiving a benefit from their public official status. The board stopped making these recommendations a few years ago.

Here are my follow-up questions/requests:

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5. Does the school have a plan for students who would transfer in from an elementary school Spanish Language immersion program with limited Spanish language proficiency?
6. How many elementary school Spanish Language immersion programs are in your region? Are they all public?

Thank you,

***Kate Pattison, M.Ed.***

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 3:57 PM

**To:** Kate Pattison

**Subject:** Waivers

Hi Kate,

Attached you will find two revised waivers for Arco Iris. Please let me know if you need additional information. Thank you.

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