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A State of Oregon Sponsored Public Charter School

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Oregon State Board of Education  
255 Capitol St. NE  
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Members of the Board,

Please accept this letter as a request to negotiate the charter contract between Four Rivers Community School, Inc. and the State Board of Education dated June 24, 2011.

Four Rivers Community School is a State of Oregon sponsored charter school that began operations with kindergarten and first grade in 2003. Since that time, FRCS has grown into a K-8 school with 255 students. FRCS is a diverse school with a Latino population of 75% and 44% of our students are identified as English Language Learners. Dual language immersion is the focus of the school and we are successfully graduating our 8<sup>th</sup> graders with 12-24 nationally transferable college credits of Spanish.

In May 2014, we graduated our 4<sup>th</sup> cohort of students. In the fall of 2014, we will have approximately 100 students in 3 area high schools (Ontario, Nyssa, and Vale). We have continued to serve the families of our graduates by hosting college nights, mentoring, ACT/SAT sign up, college contacts, and much more. However, with this many graduates we need to move toward a more innovative and targeted approach.

Through our students' transition to local high schools and our first class of seniors scheduled to graduate in 2015, we have identified a need to further serve our graduates. As an innovative hybrid of a non-profit organization and public school, we have developed a new position at FRCS for Latino outreach and academic advising. The goal of this position is to continue serving our graduates, collaborating with districts, and growing a culture of college ready families. This position will be imperative as we collect data to support the 40-40-20 initiative.

At this time we are asking for the State Board of Education's support of this position by negotiating the 5% of ADMw that is paid back to ODE. We would like to suggest a split of 4% to FRCS and 1% to ODE. For the 14-15 budget that would be approximately \$74,748 to FRCS and \$18,687 to ODE.

We greatly appreciate the support we have received from the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon State Board of Education. Thank you for your consideration to further support our programs.

Sincerely,

*Chelle Robins*

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Executive Director