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Dear Members of the Oregon State Board of Education,

Four Rivers Community School (FRCS) would like to begin the process of charter renewal with the Oregon State Board of Education. FRCS is proud to be a model dual language immersion school and successful charter school serving students in Malheur County for the past 12 years.

Since our last renewal, FRCS has received positive annual site visit reviews from the Oregon Department of Education and State Board of Education. We are fulfilling our vision of: "building generations of biliterate and culturally engaged learners who envision a future of possibilities". This has been demonstrated through student data, parent/student/staff surveys, community support, and support by Oregon foundations. Below are a few current highlights:

- 100% of the first cohort, now seniors, is on track for graduation and have applied for college/university admissions
- FRCS received the 2015 Int'l Literacy Assoc. Exemplary Reading Program Award
- FRCS built a new Family Education Center (community use facility)
- FRCS has built new relationships with Oregon foundations
- FRCS has been instrumental in working with Eastern Oregon University to bring a dual language teacher education program to Ontario
- FRCS has submitted a proposal for scholarships for biliterate education majors
- FRCS will begin to offer cross-country and basketball for students in grades 6-8
- FRCS has added additional after hours transportation to Boys and Girls Club for ELL students and study hall students
- FRCS staff have participated in a national bilingual conference, received common core math professional development, and readers/writers workshop professional development
- New ELL strategy implemented: pre-teaching math vocabulary and concepts the day before the whole class lesson.
- Sixty-nine percent of our teaching staff have Masters degrees
- Fifty-two percent of our staff are Latina/o
- Partnership with ODCD and new pre-K native language program implementation
- Grant recipient for Dual language and pre-K education
- Recently hired a graduate advisor to work with FRCS graduates in high school
- Fifteen students in the first cohort will receive Oregon's first Seal of Biliteracy-May 2015

We are very grateful to the Oregon Department of Education and the State Board of Education for the support we have received for our program and are looking forward to continued success and innovation. For this renewal we would like to request a 10 year renewal with a 5 year mid-term extensive review. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chelle Robins

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Executive Director