

The Lighthouse School " Lighting the way to a brighter future." 1500 16th Street, Suite 1 North Bend, Oregon (541) 751-1649



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

Re: The Lighthouse School Request for transfer of assets pursuant to ORS 338.105(6)

Dear Board Members:

The Lighthouse School (TLS) will be ending its charter agreement with the North Bend School District as of June 30, 2016, and starting a new charter agreement with the Coos Bay School District. TLS will operate under the sponsorship of the Coos Bay School District, beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year. ORS 338.105(6) states that if a charter is terminated or a public charter school is dissolved, the assets of that charter school (that were purchased with public funds) shall be given to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education may disburse the assets of the public charter school to school districts or other public charter schools.

The Lighthouse School will remain in existence and will continue to serve the community under the sponsorship of the Coos Bay School District. To ensure that services and programs are not adversely affected, TLS respectfully requests that the Oregon State Board of Education allow TLS to retain all of its assets (See Exhibit "A") purchased with public funds upon commencement of its new charter agreement with the Coos Bay School District.

The Oregon State Board of Education has previously allowed the transfer of assets for charter schools that are transferring their operations from one sponsoring district to another sponsoring district. TLS respectfully requests that the State Board of Education follow this precedent and allow TLS to retain its assets upon commencement of its new charter agreement with the Coos Bay School District.

The 224 students and their parents thank you for consideration of this request. I am more than happy to provide any additional information relating to this matter.

Sincerely,

Wade Lester, Director