



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

April 21, 2016

Mr. David Taylor
3715 Roundtop Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND E-MAIL

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for submitting responses to the deficiencies set forth in the Pennsylvania Department of Education's (Department) January 21, 2016 decision denying the original application of Reach Cyber Charter School (initially named Advance Cyber Charter School). After reviewing the Reach Cyber Charter School's Revised Application, it is the decision of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Department) to grant your application. The signed decision is enclosed.

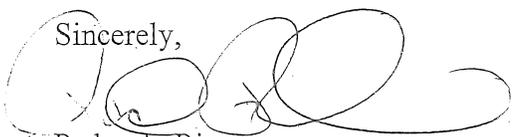
Also enclosed is a copy of the charter to be signed by all members of Reach Cyber Charter School's Board of Trustees. After all signatures have been affixed, please return the charter addressed to:

Steven P. Carney
Special Assistant
Pennsylvania Department of Education
333 Market Street, 10th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

Upon receipt, I will also sign the charter and you will be sent a copy of the fully executed charter.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Carney at (717) 214-5708 or stevcarney@pa.gov.

Sincerely,



Pedro A. Rivera

Enclosures

**Reach Cyber Charter School
2015 Cyber Charter School Application**

Decision to Grant Revised Application

Pursuant to the Charter School Law (CSL), 24 P.S. §§ 17-1701-A *et seq.*, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Department) has the authority and responsibility to receive, review, and act on applications for the establishment of a cyber charter school. 24 P.S. § 17-1741-A(a)(1). A cyber charter school applicant must submit its application to the Department by October 1 of the school year preceding the school year in which the applicant proposes to commence operation. 24 P.S. § 17-1745-A(d). After submission of an application, the Department is required to hold at least one public hearing and grant or deny the application within 120 days of its receipt. 24 P.S. § 17-1745-A(e).

The Advance Cyber Charter School, renamed Reach Cyber Charter School (Reach), submitted an application on September 23, 2015, to establish a cyber charter school (Application). After review of the Application, and a public hearing, the Department denied Reach's Application by written decision issued January 21, 2016. Pursuant to section 1745-A(g) of the CSL, 24 P.S. § 17-1745-A(g), Reach revised and resubmitted its application (Revised Application) to the Department on February 26, 2016. Within 60 days of receipt of the Revised Application, the Department must grant or deny the Revised Application.

Based on review of the Revised Application, the Department is granting Reach's Revised Application. Therefore, Reach is authorized to operate as a cyber charter school pursuant to a charter that shall be for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2019.

During its charter term, the Department will review, *inter alia*, Reach's curriculum, English as a Second Language (ESL) program, and finances. The Department expects the review to include the following: (1) required planned instruction in 22 Pa. Code §§ 4.21-4.23 and its alignment with academic standards in 22 Pa. Code § 4.12 for grades K-12; (2) an explanation of how the ESL curriculum corresponds to the English Language Arts curriculum; and, (3) budgets and financial statements with supporting documentation that evidence reasonable budget estimates and actual financial activity.



Pedro A. Rivera
Secretary of Education

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