BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the Charter Renewal for:

Case No. 22-52509

MONTICELLO MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL.

NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COMMISSION DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER WITH CONDITIONS

Pursuant to Idaho Code section 33-5209B, the Director of the Idaho Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") recommends that the charter for Monticello Montessori Charter School ("MMCS") be renewed for a five-year term provided that MMCS agrees to comply with the conditions listed below in Section I.

Upon its review of the Director's recommendation, MMCS may agree to accept the recommendation as presented below, or MMCS may ask for an administrative hearing to contest the Director's recommendation.

If MMCS <u>agrees to accept</u> the Director's recommendation as presented below, an authorized representative of MMCS must complete the Consent Agreement, attached to this Notice as Attachment A, and return it to the Director by no later than December 15, 2022 to the following address:

Jenn Thompson, Director Idaho Public Charter School Commission 514 W. Jefferson St., Ste. 303 Boise, Idaho 83720 jenn.thompson@osbe.idaho.gov

If MMCS <u>does not accept</u> the Director's recommendation as presented herein and wishes to have an administrative hearing before the Commission, an authorized representative of MMCS must

complete the Request for Administrative Hearing, attached to this Notice as Attachment B, and return it to the Director by no later than December 15, 2022 to the address provided above.

If MMCS does not complete either the Consent Agreement or the Request for Administrative Hearing and return it to the Director by December 15, 2022, MMCS's inaction will be interpreted as a request for an administrative hearing for conditions not accepted.

I. DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO RENEW WITH CONDITIONS

The Director recommends that MMCS's charter be renewed subject to the following conditions:

1. <u>Condition 1</u>: MMCS must achieve a Meets Standard rating on the Financial Default measure of the Commission's performance framework by July 1, 2023.

MMCS did not meet standard on the Financial Default measure in fiscal year 2022, as it failed to meet its federal tax obligations. The Financial Default measure is defined in the performance framework and shall be incorporated into MMCS's 2023-2028 performance certificate.

To meet this condition, MMCS must not be in default of any financial obligations, including, but not limited, facility debt, federal taxes, and payroll obligations. To verify that MMCS is no longer in default of federal tax obligations, MMCS must provide evidence that either (a) any back taxes owed to the IRS (including any penalties) have been paid in full by July 1, 2023, or (b) by July 1, 2023, the IRS has agreed to place MMCS on a payment plan that allows the school to maintain long-term financial sustainability with the revenue generated by 150 students (the enrollment achieved in fiscal year 22 and fiscal year 23).

2. <u>Condition 2</u>: By November 15, 2024 MMCS must achieve a Meets Standard rating on the following performance framework financial measures: Financial Default, Enrollment

Variance, Financial Compliance, Current Ratio, Days Unrestricted Cash on Hand, Total Margin, Debt Service Coverage Ratio, and Debt to Asset Ratio.

Achieving a Meets Standard rating on these 8 financial measures will evidence the school's ability to correct the standards not met in fiscal year 22 without negatively impacting other financial measures.

3. <u>Condition 3</u>: By November 15, 2025, MMCS must achieve a Meets Standard rating on all 9 of the financial measures of the Commission's performance framework which include: Financial Default, Enrollment Variance, Financial Compliance, Current Ratio, Days Unrestricted Cash on Hand, Total Margin, Debt Service Coverage Ratio, Debt to Asset Ratio, and Cash Flow.

Achieving a Meets Standard rating on all 9 financial measures will evidence the school's ability to achieve financial good standing. Additionally, once MMCS meets the terms of this condition, the Notification of Fiscal Concern, under which the school has operated since fiscal year 2021, can be considered for removal the following June.

4. <u>Condition 4</u>: By November 15, 2026, MMCS must again achieve a Meets Standard rating on all 9 of the financial measures of the Commission's performance framework which include: Financial Default, Enrollment Variance, Financial Compliance, Current Ratio, Days Unrestricted Cash on Hand, Total Margin, Debt Service Coverage Ratio, Debt to Asset Ratio, and Cash Flow.

Achieving a Meets Standard rating on all 9 financial measures will evidence the school's ability to not only achieve financial good standing, but also its ability to maintain that good standing over time.

5. <u>Condition 5</u>: MMCS must achieve a Meets Standard rating on the literacy proficiency measure of the Commission's performance framework in fiscal year 2025. Since the corresponding data will be evaluated on or before November 15, 2025, the date by which this condition must be met is November 15, 2025.

MMCS did not meet standard on the literacy proficiency measure in any operational year over the course of this performance certificate term. The literacy measure is defined in the performance framework and shall be incorporated into MMCS's 2023-2028 performance certificate.

6. <u>Condition 6:</u> MMCS must achieve a Meets Standard rating on the math proficiency measure of the Commission's performance framework in fiscal year 2025. Since the corresponding data will be evaluated on or before November 15, 2025, the date by which this condition must be met is November 15, 2025.

MMCS did not meet standard on the math proficiency measure in any operational year over the course of this performance certificate term. The math proficiency measure is defined in the performance framework and shall be incorporated into MMCS's 2023-2028 performance certificate.

7. Condition 7: MMCS must achieve a Meets Standard rating on the English language arts proficiency measure of the Commission's performance framework in fiscal year 2025. Since the corresponding data will be evaluated on or before November 15, 2025, the date by which this condition must be met is November 15, 2025.

MMCS did not meet standard on the English language arts proficiency measure in any operational year over the course of this performance certificate term. The English language arts proficiency measure is defined in the performance framework and shall be incorporated into

MMCS's 2023-2028 performance certificate.

Pursuant to Idaho Code section 33-5209C(7), if a school's charter is renewed with conditions and the school subsequently fails to meet any one of those conditions by the specified dates, the school's charter may be revoked by the Commission. The revocation procedure is described in subsections (7) and (8) of Idaho Code section 33-5209C and IDAPA 08.02.04.303.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2022.

Jenn Thompson Digitally signed by Jenn Thompson Date: 2022.11.15 08:35:16 -07'00'

Jenn Thompson Director Idaho Public Charter School Commission