



TO: Washington State Board of Education,
c/o Kaaren Heikes, Director of Policy and Partnerships

RE: Spokane International Academy Charter Transfer Petition

DATE 9/8/17

Dear Washington State Board of Education,

Earlier this year I submitted a request to transfer the charter contract of Spokane International Academy from Spokane Public Schools to the Washington State Charter Schools Commission. This request was submitted due to our inability to secure a facility solution for the 2017-18 school year and beyond within Spokane Public Schools' boundaries.

We had hoped to partner with Valley Christian Schools to co-locate at the former University High School. We had been reassured through the process that they were committed to having us there as well. Unfortunately this did not happen, and, despite our best efforts, VCS has decided to instead partner with the Central Valley School District.

We thank everyone for their collective efforts to work with us through this period of uncertainty related to our facilities. We are thankful for the State Board of Education's consideration and approval of our petition to transfer our contract. We are excited to continue our partnership with Spokane Public Schools, our initial authorizer, and look forward to many years together going forward.

At this point, though, we are formally withdrawing our petition for the transfer of our contract from Spokane Public Schools to the Washington State Charter Schools Commission.

Sincerely,

Travis Franklin
Chief Executive Officer
Spokane International
Academy

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