

March 8, 2024

Board of Trustees
ATTN: Doug Keefe, Board President
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Re: Termination of Charter Authorizer Relationship and Charter Agreement

Greetings:

As you know from discussions over the past several years, the Board of Education for Salt Lake City School District ("SLCSD") intends to terminate its charter authorizer relationship with the Salt Lake School for the Performing Arts ("SLSPA") at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. While SLCSD had initially intended to terminate this relationship last year when SLSPA relocated to its new location, both parties jointly agreed to extend the relationship for one additional year in order to give SLSPA time to find a new charter authorizer, potentially creating a relationship with an institution of higher education. This extension is reflected in the fact that the current charter agreement between the parties expires at the end of this school year.

As you know, SLCSD initially chartered SLSPA based on the guaranteed enrollment of 275 students outlined in its charter agreement. To date, SLSPA has never reached that enrollment guarantee. Moreover, the primary reason for SLCSD to act as the charter authorizer for SLSPA was due to the integral relationship that existed between SLSPA and SLCSD's Highland High School ("Highland"). SLSPA students took their core classes at Highland and Highland students were allowed to take specialty classes at SLSPA. SLSPA was also leasing a former SLCSD elementary school that was in close proximity to Highland. With SLSPA's relocation to downtown Salt Lake City, and its separation from Highland, the symbiotic relationship between Highland and SLSPA no longer exists.

SLCSD also has concerns regarding SLSPA's fiscal management and compliance with the various ratios outlined in the charter agreement. However, as both parties agree that an amicable dissolution of the charter authorizer relationship is in everyone's best interest, SLCSD will not be pursuing those concerns at this time.

Accordingly, SLCSO is providing this notification of its intent to terminate the charter school authorizer relationship and charter agreement for good cause pursuant to Utah Code §53G-5-503(1). In accordance with state law, you have the right to request an informal hearing before SLCSO. See, Utah Code §53G-5-503(2).

Sincerely,



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