



BULLIS mountain view

March 21, 2019

Ayindé Rudolph, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Members of the Board of Trustees
Mountain View Whisman School District
1400 Montecito Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94043

Re: Bullis Mountain View Charter School

Dear Dr. Rudolph and Members of the Board of Trustees:

This letter responds to yours of Tuesday, March 19, wherein you reiterate the District's conditions of approval of December 20, 2018. Your letter attached a copy of those conditions to make clear what the District Board approved, and what it did not. What it did not approve was the Bullis Mountain View charter petition.

BMV presented its painstakingly prepared, detailed petition to the District Board for consideration. Section 47605(b) of the Education Code provides that districts may grant a petition as proposed, or deny. Rather than voting to deny, the District Board instead attempted to "approve" with substantial conditions the District intended to impede and obstruct the school's successful operation. The District's attempted rewrite imposed requirements fundamentally contrary to important, mandatory elements of the proposed petition itself. By not approving the charter petition as presented, the District denied the petition.

Although we thereafter suggested in good faith and explained in detail meaningful terms that harmonized any District concerns with the charter petition itself, the District (after being silent for three full weeks) rejected each and every compromise with its mantra that "the Board's approval of the [conditions] was an indivisible part of the District's approval of [the] charter petition", and the District simply "is not amenable" to agreeing to BMV's charter petition.

Therefore, in light of the fact that you have as recently as this Tuesday made very clear that the District denied the petition and "is not amenable" to the terms of our petition, we see no practical purpose in meeting further with you. We consider our petition denied, and will proceed accordingly.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Anderson-Rosse