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Commissioner

February 16, 2017

Joycelyn Abra Degbor, Chair, Board of Trustees
Global Learning Charter Public School
190 Ashley Boulevard
New Bedford, MA 02746

Dear Ms. Degbor:

Congratulations on the renewal of the charter for Global Learning Charter Public School. Based upon the evidence gathered over the past four years regarding the school's academic success, organizational viability, and faithfulness to the terms of its charter and under the authority delegated to me by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, I have approved the renewal of the school's charter under Massachusetts General Law chapter 71, section 89, and 603 CMR 1.00. Based on the evidence provided through the renewal process, I have also removed the academic condition from the school's charter.

The charter term is five years, beginning July 1, 2017 and expiring on June 30, 2022. The terms of the charter include the following:

Type of Charter	Commonwealth	Location	New Bedford
Regional/Non-Regional	Non-Regional	Districts in Region	N/A
Maximum Enrollment	500	Chartered Grade Span	5-12

Please note, as part of completing this renewal process, your school's liaison may be in contact with you about possible amendments related to bylaws and/or enrollment policies due to changes in the regulations. In addition, you will need to update and amend your accountability plan for your new charter term.

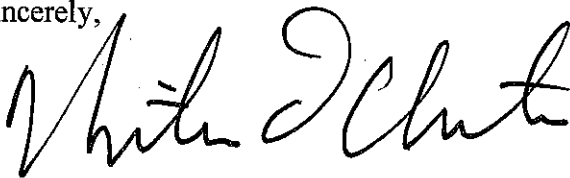
The charter school statute, G.L. c 71, section 89 (ii), states that "[n]o teacher shall be hired by a commonwealth charter school who is not certified pursuant to section 38G unless the teachers has successfully passed the state teacher test as required in said section 38G." This means that a teacher hired by a commonwealth charter school has through their first year of employment to take and pass the relevant Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTELEs). If they fail to do so, the charter school may no longer employ them until they have passed the relevant MTELEs. As noted in the school's Summary of Review, the school is currently not fully in compliance

with this requirement. The school must work to address this lack of compliance prior to the 2017-18 school year.

Global Learning Charter Public School shall be operated in accordance with the provisions of General Laws chapter 71, section 89, and 603 CMR 1.00 and all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations and such additional conditions as the Commissioner may from time to time establish, all of which shall be deemed conditions of the charter.

The charter school initiative is a key component of education reform in Massachusetts, and your school has proved what a strong vision, high standards, and hard work can accomplish for the students of Massachusetts. I wish you great success as you continue to provide academic excellence and choice to the children of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell D. Chester". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

C: Dr. Stephen Furtado, Executive Director

Enclosure: January 13, 2017 Memorandum