

MICHAEL & SUSAN DELL FOUNDATION

GRANT LETTER - EXHIBIT A

GRANT SUMMARY

Part 1 - Overview

Grantee: District of Columbia Public Charter School Board

Project: Next Generation Accountability and Authorizing

Grant Amount Approved: \$500,000

Grant Term: 05/02/2016 - 06/28/2019

This grant will support District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) in continuing to improve the quality of the DC charter sector through strong authorizing. MSDF's support will be crucial to conducting thorough and rigorous diligence and oversight resulting in more high quality schools.

MSDF's funding will support DC PCSB's effort to further develop and implement three primary system enhancements and reviews:

- Increase access to high quality schools by conducting high-stakes reviews of more than half of DC PCSB's portfolio of schools that are up for renewal;
- Enhance their expertise and ability to effectively oversee schools that serve high populations of English language learners (ELLs), to improve DC PCSB's existing portfolio of schools;
- Build capacity for PCSB to more effectively oversee and monitor the closures of low-performing schools, through restarts, where high-quality operators take over low-performing schools, and turnarounds, where the school's board executes major program improvements, often by replacing much if not all of the school's leadership.

Part 2 – Project Milestones

Please refer to the table below for a list of project milestones. The Foundation reserves the right to modify project success measures, milestones, deliverables and metrics upon notice to and consultation with the Grantee.

Milestone	Delivery Method	Scheduled
Conduct a rigorous review process for all charter applications	Progress Report 7/15/2016	06/30/2016
Conduct additional on-site reviews of schools in danger of closure	Progress Report 7/15/2016	06/30/2016
PCSB will contact 100% of the students in closing schools to inform them of their options	Progress Report 7/15/2016	06/30/2016

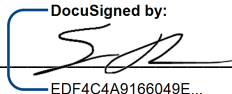
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PCSB will oversee the closure process to ensure any closing school is able to meet all obligations	Progress Report 7/15/2016	06/30/2016
Revise charter application guidelines	Progress Report 1/15/2017	06/30/2016
25-30 Qualitative Site Reviews	Progress Report 1/15/2017	12/31/2016
4 school reviews that inform high-stakes decisions (include data on ELL)	Progress Report 1/15/2017	12/31/2016
Assess key stakeholders to begin development of short- and long-term comm engagement goals	Progress Report 1/15/2017	12/31/2016
Create a pilot ELL performance rubric	Progress Report 1/15/2017	12/31/2016
Launch a new data collection, validation, and reporting system	Progress Report 1/15/2017	12/31/2016
Liquidation valuation procedures to ensure closing schools effectively wind down school operations	Progress Report 1/15/2017	12/31/2016
Produce PMF, FAR, Equity, and Compliance Review Reports	Progress Report 1/15/2017	12/31/2016
Staff an ELL/SPED team within the school performance department	Progress Report 1/15/2017	12/31/2016
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Revise charter application guidelines	Progress Report 7/15/2017	06/30/2017
17 reviews and renewals that inform high-stakes decisions	Progress Report 1/15/2018	12/31/2017
20 Qualitative Site Reviews for the school year	Progress Report 1/15/2018	12/31/2017
Identify successful comm engagement practices and models	Progress Report 1/15/2018	12/31/2017
Produce PMF, FAR, Equity, and Compliance Review Reports	Progress Report 1/15/2018	12/31/2017
Revise the pilot ELL performance rubric for use in high-stakes reviews	Progress Report 1/15/2018	12/31/2017
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Comm engagement guide for prospective, new and existing schools	Progress Report 1/15/2019	12/31/2018
Produce PMF, FAR, Equity, and Compliance Review Reports	Progress Report 1/15/2019	12/31/2018

Part 3 – Project Quantitative Outcomes

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for the quantitative outcomes that need to be tracked and reported to Michael & Susan Dell Foundation for this project.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

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