

Via E-Mail

November 30, 2018

DC Public Charter School Board
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Re: Somerset Notice of Relinquishment + KIPP DC Notice of Intent

Dear Members of the Board,

We, Somerset Preparatory Public Charter School (“Somerset”) and KIPP DC Public Charter Schools (“KIPP DC”), jointly write to provide notice to the Public Charter School Board (“PCSB” or “the Board”) of (a) Somerset’s relinquishment of its charter as of June 30, 2019, and (b) KIPP DC’s intent to work with Somerset to transition the school to a KIPP DC campus after that date.

a. Somerset’s Charter Relinquishment

Somerset hereby formally notifies the Board that Somerset will relinquish its charter on June 30, 2019. On November 29, 2018, Somerset’s Board unanimously ratified a resolution affirming this relinquishment. (See Exhibit A.)

b. KIPP DC’s Intent to Transition Somerset to a KIPP DC Campus

KIPP DC hereby formally notifies the Board that KIPP DC intends to transition Somerset to a KIPP DC campus on June 30, 2019, pending all necessary PCSB and DC government approvals. To that end, KIPP DC will submit to PCSB the necessary charter amendment requests in due course.

We, Somerset and KIPP DC, write with confidence and conviction that this partnership is in the best interest of Somerset’s students. Somerset is appreciative of the opportunity to ensure that its students can continue their education in the same location, without the need to re-enter the lottery, and with the additional supports KIPP DC can provide. KIPP DC has an equal amount of gratitude for Somerset’s valuable work, as well as their thoughtful engagement with their community throughout the process of embarking upon this partnership.

Thus, KIPP DC seeks approval to transition Somerset to a KIPP DC campus with tremendous enthusiasm for the opportunity to educate Somerset’s incredible students, and with Somerset’s full support,

Sincerely,



Terry Golden, KIPP DC Board Chair



Judd Starr, Somerset Board Chair