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Dear Charter School Accountability Committee;

On behalf of EL Education, I am writing this letter of support for Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School. EL Education partners with new and existing schools in order to increase student achievement across three dimensions through the strategic implementation of a whole-school framework for teaching and learning. Partnering with EL Education requires strong partnership conditions and pushes teachers and leaders to engage in complex, collaborative change. All of our network school partners embrace EL's expanded definition of achievement, which contains three dimensions: Mastery of Knowledge and Skills, Character and High-Quality Student Work



At this time last year, EL Education placed Academia on a partnership improvement plan based on concerns about board governance and school-level leadership. I participated in Academia's Mid-Year Review process last week where we analyzed student and teacher level data across those three dimensions and assessed the conditions in place at the school. I am happy to share that there is evidence of dramatic improvements under the board leadership of Luz Garcilazo and school-level leadership of Dr. Mark Phelps. While the school still has room for growth, it is my belief that the conditions and leadership are now in place to realize the school's mission and vision of meeting the needs of all its students. I believe that a move to a new location will provide the environment in which that growth can happen.





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Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myra Parks Brooks".

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