



### Response to the Final CSAC Report

On behalf of the Great Oaks' Community, we appreciate the recommendation for renewal made from the Charter School Accountability Committee.

However, we do have some concerns regarding several of the conditions:

- Clear End Dates: It is requested that similar to the structure of the majority of conditions, that all conditions include an actual end date as the current structure of Conditions #1, #4, #7, #13 and #16 implies an indefinite period of time. We request that in keeping with the end date of the other conditions, that these conditions be given an end date of the current charter period (June 30, 2024) as the renewal term begins on July 1, 2024.
- On-Site Meetings – From our understanding, condition #1 is requesting that all attendees, including the DDOE team, Great Oaks' board member and contracted school support, travel to Great Oaks for on-site meetings twice a month. We would like to recommend that these meetings take place virtually as the content of the meetings stated in the condition do not require in-person meetings. This is evidenced by the current virtual meetings discussing the outlined topics already in-place with similar attendees. We believe that it is most important for the meeting attendees (DDOE, board members, contracted personnel) to not travel to these meetings as it takes away from their time to actually do the work of supporting the school.
- Required/Requested Items – As expressed during the final CSAC meeting, there are a plethora of communication streams currently used by the DDOE to communicate with LEAs. There are also a variety of requests, some of which are required and others of which are optional. We would like for condition #7 to be updated to include required requests only, an easily trackable platform or communication mechanism provided by the DDOE and ample advance notice of at least one month for required items.

Additionally, the Great Oaks' leadership team, after reading the final report and the conditions again, is both surprised and confused by Conditions #9, #11 and #12 as the items requested were confirmed to be in place during the renewal process. There were not any concerns provided following the initial discussions. However, we are happy to provide them to the DDOE well in advance of the due date as the team has them already in use.

Great Oaks would also like to take this opportunity to share its complete gratefulness for the current school community (students, parents and staff), our external partners and our vast community of supportive stakeholders. We believe that Great Oaks is truly Delaware's turnaround story and we look forward to continuing to provide a safe and successful environment for our students as we turn the chapter to a new and bright future.