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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Non-Renewal of the Charter of the Blue Mountain School )  
DECLARATION OF THERESE NGUYEN )

I, Therese Nguyen, do declare and say that:

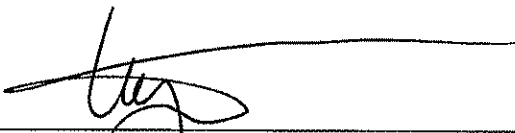
1. I am a parent of students attending Blue Mountain Charter School ("Blue Mountain") and serve on Blue Mountain's Board of Directors.
2. Between April and July, 2008, I personally was involved in several meetings with South Lane School District (the "District") staff, including Sue Wickizer and Dr. Krista Parent.
3. The purpose of the meeting with Sue Wickizer in April, 2008, was to find out if the District was opposed to working with and/or had philosophical opposition to the educational model. The revised Proposed Final Order issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction had not yet been issued and I wanted to know if the District would be open to a group of parents submitting either a new charter with an educational model like Blue Mountain's, or to finding other ways of funding for the school through the alternative education law. We discussed the needs and concerns of the District in depth (including testing and evaluation). These notes were reviewed and later incorporated into our first renewal proposal.
4. I met with Dr. Krista Parent on July 21, 2008, for specific feedback on the nonrenewal response and also phoned her a couple of weeks later for additional feedback regarding the evidence of learning folders. It was my understanding from comments made by District staff that the information from District staff would directly address certain

- 1 concerns raised both by District staff and the District Board.
- 2 5. I was extremely disappointed that District staff did not publicly support Blue Mountain's  
3 application for renewal of its Charter and did not publicly acknowledge District staff's  
4 role and substantial input into the contents of the renewal application.
- 5 6. During the period after the July 7, 2008, District Board hearing, and leading up to the  
6 August 18, 2008, District Board hearing, I personally contacted District Board member  
7 Joe Raade in an attempt to openly discuss his concerns about Blue Mountain so that Blue  
8 Mountain could directly address these concerns. Mr. Raade requested that I send him  
9 Blue Mountain's draft proposal regarding renewal and I sent him this document. Mr.  
10 Raade never responded to me regarding this proposal.
- 11 7. I also made two telephone calls to District Board member Tom McVey and left voice  
12 messages informing him of my desire, on behalf of Blue Mountain, to discuss and  
13 understand his concerns about Blue Mountain's operations. Mr. McVey never returned  
14 either of my telephone calls.

15 I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief,  
16 and that I understand it is made for use as evidence in court and is subject to penalty for perjury.

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DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

  
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Therese Nguyen