

**Resolution of the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors
Conditionally Approving
the Madrone Trail Public Charter School for Three Years.**

RESOLUTION 2006-2007-4

Whereas, the 1999 session of the Oregon legislature enacted Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) chapter 338 establishing a process for charter school applicants to apply for the creation of a charter school, and the criteria with which a school district shall review and either deny or approve a charter school application; and

Whereas, on February 1, 2000, the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors approved and adopted District Policy LBE and Administrative Regulation LBE-AR creating the policy and administrative procedure for reviewing and evaluating a charter school application; and

Whereas, on May 17, 2005, the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors revised District Policy LBE and Administrative Regulation LBE-AR to update the policy and administrative procedure for reviewing and evaluating a charter school application; and

Whereas, Medford School District 549C administrators have met periodically with representatives of the Madrone Trail Initiative to discuss the logistics of a Waldorf-style Public Charter School since September 2005; and

Whereas, the Medford School District 549C received a complete application for the creation of the Madrone Trail Public Charter School on October 17, 2006; and

Whereas, the Superintendent of the Medford School District 549C assigned staff to review the Madrone Trail Public Charter School application and make recommendations to the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors; and

Whereas, the Medford School District 549C determined that the application submitted by the applicant complied with the minimum requirement of ORS Chapter 338 to be considered a complete charter school application and notified the applicant of this on October 29, 2006; and

Whereas, the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors held a public hearing on the provisions of the Madrone Trail Public Charter School application in compliance with ORS 338.055(1) on November 28, 2006; and

Whereas, the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors has reviewed the Madrone Trail Public Charter School, staff input, and the record of the public hearing, including all written and oral testimony, in accordance with ORS Chapter 338 and School District Policy LBE and Administrative Regulation LBE-AR;

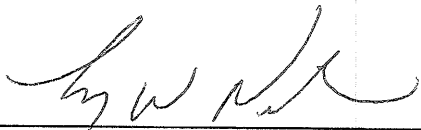
Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors that the application to create the Madrone Trail Public Charter School be conditionally approved to operate as a Public Charter School within the Medford School District for the term of three years beginning operation in September 2007.

Be it further resolved that this approval to operate as a public charter school with the Medford School District 549C is conditioned on the following:

1. The successful negotiation and execution of a Charter School Agreement between the applicant and the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors; and
2. The ability of the applicant to demonstrate it can meet its projected enrollment (75) for the 2007-08 school year and the associated budget obligations by March 1, 2007; and
3. The assurance that implementation of the Madrone Trail Public Charter School will not significantly diminish the enrollment of the other District schools during the 2007-08 school year by March 1, 2007; and
4. The ability to find alternative funding for the Kindergarten program to fulfill the special request for \$6000 above the 80% established by ORS 338.155 (2), by April 1, 2007; and
5. The ability of the applicant to secure a facility acceptable to the District with the appropriate and necessary occupancy and safety permits, for the charter school site to operate within the Medford School District 549C boundaries and submit proof of these permits to the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors by June 30, 2007; and
6. The ability of the applicant to offer proof that the financial stability of the charter school is maintained after facility and staffing costs are confirmed and include a contingency fund of 5% of the total budget. The applicant shall deliver to the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors a revised budget reflecting all costs by April 1, 2007; and
7. The ability of the applicant to provide documentation to Medford School District 549C Board of Directors by April 1, 2007, demonstrating that the Core Knowledge Curriculum and supplemental materials that the applicant intends to use are aligned with the state content standards; and
8. The ability of the applicant to secure insurance in the amounts determined in the Medford School District 549C Charter School Policy LBE and Administrative Regulation LBE-AR and deliver proof of insurance to the Medford School District 549C Board of Directors by August 1, 2006; and

9. The ability of the applicant to create by February 1, 2007, and subsequently maintain a separate non-profit corporation with its own Board of Directors for the Madrone Trail Public Charter School to ensure there is no commingling of funds among and between existing charter school programs and to protect assets given to the applicant by the Medford School District 549C (including State School Fund payments) from potential liability from the operation of other charter schools. The applicant should be strongly encouraged to recruit a majority of Madrone Trail Public Charter School board members from among the residents of the Medford School District 549C.
10. The assurance by the applicant that the Madrone Trail Public Charter School will produce the same or greater percentage of students meeting or exceeding state and District academic performance standards for elementary schools (AYP, NCLB requirements, Oregon state grade-level benchmark assessments) and that all Madrone Trail Charter School students will participate in the standard District-wide assessments.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE CONDITIONS BEING MET, the Madrone Trail Public Charter School is conditionally approved to operate as a public charter school within the Medford School District 549C for three years beginning in September 2007.



Larry Nicholson, Chair of the Board of Directors
Medford School District 549C

Date: 1/8/07

Attested to by:



Phil Long, Superintendent
Medford School District 549C

Date: 1/8/07