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Dear Ms. Ryan:

Stone Path Academy, Inc. ("Stone Path") is in receipt of your letter dated June 28, 2018, and this letter serves as Stone Path's response to it. Stone Path appreciates receipt of these reports, and the recommendation of a five-year license for our general education program set forth in the General Education Report prepared by Brian Morgan. Considerable effort has gone into this area of our school's development over the past two years. It is gratifying to have this recognized.

With respect to the two-year recommendation for Special Education relicensure set forth in the Independent School Special Education Review Report (Special Ed Report"), Stone Path requests that the Agency recommend grant of approval for a longer period, as Stone Path's proactive approach has resulted in those concerns having already been addressed as set forth below.

- 1.) Stone Path believes and submits that the areas of concern that are identified on page two of the Special Ed Report have been adequately addressed as follows:
 - a) Stone Path has notified LEA's of the school's ability to only accept students whose primary disability must be one for which Stone Path is approved. The one student who currently carries a primary diagnosis of speech and language disability came to Stone Path directly from a residential facility for youth with emotional and behavioral challenges. His team is planning a reevaluation because the existing data is both incomplete and believed to be inaccurate in its conclusion.
 - b) A documentation system that meets all the requirements as listed is currently and will continue to be in place for all students.
 - c) The documentation and reporting system is fully in place.
 - d-e) Stone Path's re-done reporting system is fully in place.
- 2.) With respect to the statement at page 3 of the Special Ed Report that Stone Path has not provided procedural information as outlined in 2228.3.1 (Section 4 Coordination of Services), it appears that the Agency may have overlooked that all areas from 4.1-4.6 include Stone Path's practices, which function as procedures. Those practices are also included in Attachment B (included) to our contract.
- 3.) Stone Path also submits that the revised schedules and tracking systems it has put in place for IEP services meet all Agency requirements. Staff schedules include consultation times and case management, and schedules have been adjusted to include transportation services. For student choice time, we have added "choice activity." Schedules show all classes and required activities that provide for the attainment of proficiencies toward graduation. They also indicate which IEP services and objectives are to be addressed during specific time blocks. Teachers report daily on all services which are reviewed and graphed weekly.

- 4.) Stone Path believes that its new contract, in coordination with the descriptions in Section 4 of the application, address the Note on Evidence pertaining to section 2228.4 and set out at page 4 of the Special Ed Report.
- 5.) Attachment C (items 2,3,4) to Stone Path's Agreement for Educational Services clearly states what is or what is not included in the tuition rate. It is accurate to say that no IEPs currently include excess costs, because no IEP teams had requested/agreed to excess cost payments.

As part of its relicensure application, Stone Path has asked to increase its allowable enrollment from ten students to twelve students. As this is not addressed in the Agency's approval recommendations due to a likely oversight, we look forward to hearing from you on this particular request. We look forward to speaking with you prior to the Agency's submission to the State Board of Education. It is Stone Path's commitment to offer an exceptionally effective program that meets all state requirements, and we value the Agency's support.

Thank you in advance for the Agency's consideration of the request set forth in this letter.

Sincerely,

Alan Faircloth _____ Executive Director

Martha Tucker _____ Educational Director

Date _____