

TWIN PEAKS CHARTER ACADEMY



Mark E. Pillmore, CPA
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St. Vrain Valley School District
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Dear Mr. Pillmore:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Administration of Twin Peaks Charter Academy (TPCA), I am proud to submit our application for the renewal of our charter for 15 years and an expansion to include grades nine through twelve beginning with ninth and tenth grades in the fall of 2011.

An extended charter renewal period is being requested for several reasons. Numerous resources are required to process a charter application for both the charter school and the school district. An extension of the charter would reduce the resource commitment by two thirds. Additionally, the St. Vrain Valley School District Board of Directors has demonstrated an interest in extended charter renewals based upon recent decisions to renew both Flagstaff Academy and Carbon Valley charter schools for 15 years. Finally, an extended charter is a show of strength to bond holders and will give TPCA a better chance for financial backing and success.

TPCA appreciates the privilege to partner with the school district in shaping schooling options for our community. As TPCA visionaries desire a conveniently located, smaller high school that extends the Core Knowledge educational program, we are asking for an expansion of our charter to include a high school.

The request to open in 2011 is a priority for financial reasons. A low interest rate environment exists today due to the policies of the U.S. Government. This condition has provided a unique opportunity to finance expansion for relatively low cost. Now that our country is on the road to economic recovery, interest rates are forecasted to be on a continuous rise beginning anytime in the next six to eighteen months. Some economists speculate that the increases may be rather steep. In a time when the state government is considering reducing PPR, an increase in costs must be mitigated.

TPCA is hopeful that the addition of our high school option to the St. Vrain Valley will bring some children back to the district as several hundred choose schools outside the district every year, including approximately 300 that attend Peak to Peak Charter School.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests. Please contact me with any questions by email or phone. My information is included on the application summary.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darlene Brown, Board Member