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Ms. Janine Bide
Board Chair
Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence (CAPE)
201 – 5 Street SW
Medicine Hat AB T1A 4G7

Dear Ms. Bide:

Thank you for your November 27, 2020 letter and supporting documents regarding the application by the Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence for a 15-year charter renewal.

Alberta Education has reviewed the application using the charter renewal criteria outlined in the *Charter Schools Regulation* for the renewal term of 15 years. Based on this review, I am pleased to grant the Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence a renewal term of 15 years to operate a school for Kindergarten to Grade 9. The renewal period will take effect September 1, 2021 and continue through August 31, 2036.

I am aware that Alberta Education staff evaluated the Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence in February 2019, and that your school continues to work on an action plan based on the recommended changes provided in the evaluation report. I understand significant progress has been made on the action plan.

The charter renewal process also gives us an opportunity to review and acknowledge the accomplishments of charter boards. I am pleased to recognize the results of the Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence on local charter measures, as well as high stakeholder satisfaction with the quality of education offered at the school, as indicated by the accountability pillar surveys.

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As a result of the charter renewal evaluation, Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence developed an action plan, and is currently addressing two requirements, which include:

- strategies to implement the new Teacher Quality Standard, Leadership Quality Standard and Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard; and
- monitoring of the effect of changing enrolment figures and costs of ownership of a facility on the ability to maintain a balanced budget.

I expect that the Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence will continue working on the recommended changes in the action plan, which include:

- access to professional learning on foundational knowledge about First Nations, Métis and Inuit;
- more effective utilization of technology to support learners;
- a focus on ways to inform stakeholders of student achievement and applied research;
- enhanced working relationships with local schools and community; and
- greater opportunity for student voice.

I expect that the Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence will continue discuss ongoing progress with Randy Billey, Field Services Manager, South Services Branch, at randy.billey@gov.ab.ca or 780-427-5393 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

I look forward to learning more about the successes and accomplishments of the Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence in the future.

Sincerely,



Adriana LaGrange
Minister

cc: Teresa Di Ninno, Superintendent
Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence (CAPE)