



先鋒中英雙語學校

Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School

September 24, 2024

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
135 Santilli Highway
Everett, MA 02149

Dear Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education:

On behalf of the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Board of Trustees, I respectfully request your approval of an amendment to change our charter to increase the authorized number of seats from 584 seats to 684 seats.

The Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Board of Trustees wishes to make this change because it is responsive to our community. Current enrollment at PVCICS is at the cap. PVCICS has a waitlist for every grade and applications that cannot be processed through a lottery until the existing waitlists are exhausted. The additional seats will allow PVCICS to add courses, programs and supports that are responsive to the diverse needs and interests of our high school students.

Shortly after the school opened in 2007, PVCICS received National Security Language Initiative funding, overseen by the United States Department of Education, to develop a K-12 pipeline of students with fluency in Mandarin. Holding true to our commitment to the United States government, PVCICS has become a pipeline of students to United States Military Academies. We would like to do more.

The Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Board of Trustees voted to approve this request on September 24, 2024 at a meeting held in compliance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. At that meeting, the Board of Trustees authorized me to submit this request on their behalf.

The Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School is an academic success, is a viable organization, and is faithful to the terms of its charter. On March 11, 2022 PVCICS has its charter renewed without condition. U.S. News & World Report currently ranks PVCICS #2 in Massachusetts High Schools. School leadership has been stable for over 15 years.

The Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Board of Trustees requests that the Commissioner of Education approve at his earliest convenience.

Please contact Richard Alcorn or Principal Kathleen Wang if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



Richard Alcorn

C: PVCICS Board of Trustees

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Enclosures:

5 year Cash Flow Analysis