



Commissioner Mike Morath

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**ACTION NEEDED**

Collin M. Sewell, Board President  
Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, Superintendent  
IDEA Academy, Inc.  
IDEA Public Schools  
2115 W. Pike Blvd.  
Weslaco, TX 78596

Re: IDEA Public Schools (CDN 108-807)  
2025 Open-Enrollment Charter Renewal Approval - Expedited

Dear Mr. Sewell and Dr. Cottrill:

Thank you for your diligence in completing the application for charter contract renewal. I am pleased to inform you that, pursuant to Texas Education Code §12.1141(b), the charter for IDEA Public Schools will be renewed for a term of 10 years. Please note that by renewing your charter, TEA expects your organization to continue to implement a high-quality educational program, consistently exceeding expectations for student academic outcomes, effectively managing public dollars, and sustaining successful operations.

An unsigned copy of your charter renewal contract will follow this letter via DocuSign. Please have the board president and superintendent sign no later than June 1, 2025. After receipt of the contract, the fully executed contract will be returned to you, signifying that you have completed all requirements for renewal of your charter.

The contract will be effective July 1, 2025 for a term to expire on June 30, 2035. At that time your organization will have the opportunity to submit another petition for a ten-year charter renewal term.

I look forward to our continued work together on behalf of the students of Texas.

Sincerely,

Signed by:  
  
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Mike Morath  
Commissioner of Education

Cc: Steve Lecholop, Deputy Commissioner, Governance and Accountability  
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