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MEMO

To: State Board of Education
From: Kelly Rosensweet, Charter and Innovation School Support Coordinator, CDE
Re: Charter school waiver request from Denver Public Schools on behalf of Monarch Montessori

Date: April 17th, 2017

Attached please find information to support the action item regarding the charter waiver request from Denver Public Schools on behalf of Monarch Montessori pursuant to *C.R.S. 22-30.5-104, C.R.S.* The board has been asked to approve or deny this request at the May state board meeting.

This action item includes:

- A waiver request from Denver Public Schools on behalf of Monarch Montessori.
- Monarch Montessori requests the following non-automatic waivers in addition to those automatically granted:
 - 22-9-106, C.R.S. Local board duties concerning performance evaluations
 - 22-2-112(1)(q)(I), C.R.S. Commissioner duties (regarding reporting personnel performance evaluation ratings)
 - 22-32-109(1)(n)(I), C.R.S. Local board duties concerning school calendar
 - 22-32-109(1)(n)(II)(A), C.R.S. Determine teacher-pupil contact hours
 - 22-32-109(1)(n)(II)(B), C.R.S. Adopt district calendar
 - 22-63-201, C.R.S. Teacher Employment Act-Compensation & Dismissal Act-Requirement to hold a certificate
 - 22-63-202, C.R.S. Teacher Employment Act- Contracts in writing, damage provision
 - 22-63-203, C.R.S. Teacher Employment Act- Requirements for probationary teacher, renewal & nonrenewal
 - 22-63-206, C.R.S. Teacher Employment Act-Transfer of teachers
 - 22-7-1014(2)(a), C.R.S. Preschool individualized readiness plans- school readiness assessments
- CDE staff has reviewed the charter contract and waiver addendum.
 - This charter school has been renewed through June 30th, 2019.
 - If approved, these waivers would be effective through the term of the school's charter contract with Denver Public Schools.
 - See BoardDocs for the charter school's waiver addendum that includes the requested non-automatic waivers and their replacement plans.

Action Needed at Board Meeting:

- A vote from board members on whether to approve or deny the waiver request from Denver Public Schools on behalf of Monarch Montessori for the non-automatic waivers listed above.
- If the chartering local board of education and the charter school do not receive notice of the state board's decision within 45 days after submittal of the request for release, the request shall be deemed granted. (*22-30.5-105(3), C.R.S.*)

