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Franklin McKinley School District
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Board of Directors –

On behalf of Rocketship Education (“Rocketship”) and many families residing within the Franklin McKinley School District, I am excited to submit the attached charter petition to the Franklin McKinley School District (“District”) and the Franklin McKinley School District Board for Rocketship Franklin McKinley (“RSFM”), scheduled to open in August 2016. Rocketship Education looks forward to being given the opportunity to serve additional students and families within the District where many families have expressed a strong interest in a Rocketship School.

As you know, Rocketship has been operating elementary schools in Santa Clara County since 2007 with the goal of closing the achievement gap. Rocketship has consistently provided an excellent education for children and our results currently place us in the top five percent of all public school networks serving predominantly low income students in California. In the past eight years, our students have consistently excelled on their path to college and career success. Rocketship’s success along with parent demand have allowed us to grow from one school serving fewer than 200 students to a network of nine schools serving more than 5,000 students in San Jose. We have appreciated the Franklin McKinley School District’s strong spirit of collaboration, working together to eliminate the achievement gap, and we look forward to continuing to seek creative ways to work together. We support the initiatives outlined in the Compact and are particularly interested in ensuring that children with special needs have access to a high quality educational experience. We look forward to partnering with the District in this and other initiatives.

Please accept this charter petition on behalf of Rocketship, and feel free to reach out to us with any clarifying questions you might have.

Thank you.



Preston Smith
CEO and Co-Founder
Rocketship Education

Cc: Superintendent John Porter