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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair Program
CEC-300-2021-007-SD-REV

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Lifelong Learning Administration Corporation (LLAC), the Learn4Life charter network, is a network of non-profit public schools that provides students personalized learning and education, career training and life skills development. Each school is locally controlled, tuition free and gives students the flexibility and one-on-one attention they need to succeed. Serving more than 25,000 students across California each year, Learn4Life help students prepare for a future beyond high school. Learn4Life is a group of public charter schools working together with that shared belief, offering a free high school diploma program that develops individualized learning programs for each student. The mission of these schools *is to serve opportunity youth and engage each student in the learning process in the most productive and meaningful way to optimize their learning potential and success*. Since March 2020, our staff have worked diligently to address the complex and every-changing needs our students have been facing during the pandemic. This includes innovative strategies to engage youth, overcoming equipment and connectivity barriers, and addressing emergency needs of our students.

In addition, our staff has followed the development and progress associated with AB 841. With that being said, Lifelong Learning Administration Corporation wants to discuss the outlined lease requirements in the most up to date information released. As outlined, under the Eligible School requirements, Section 5, Item C, “Are on a privately owned site, for which there is a lease with a term that exceeds the duration of the program, ending after December 1, 2026.”. Understanding that all our school sites and educational institutions, serving primarily underserved and at-risk youth, are under lease agreements ending from ranging dates 2021 to 2030. Our sites are primarily serving underserved students in underserved communities. Each site is highly favorable for the lease to be renewed due to the investments, prime locations, and student familiarity. Each executed lease agreement, is “long-term” with 5-year to 10-year agreements, and the ability for an updated agreement after the term ends. LLAC is seeking clarity on the sites that lease ends prior to the established required date. Needing further clarification on the requirement to update a lease prior to application submission, ineligibility for sites in which leases expire prior to the that date, or the ability for an addendum for our organization to have an agreement with the landlord to extend the lease agreement after the outlined 2026 date.

Lifelong Learning Administration Corporation, Learn4Life Charter network is seeking clarity and possibly addendums to the outlined requirements, in order to accommodate charter school and other educational institutions that may hold long-term lease agreements and have the ability to extend and renew leases in the educational facilities.

Respectfully,

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