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Date: November 19, 2019

To: Jennifer Goldman-Luthy, Board Chair

From: Kristin Elinkowski, Chair, Utah State Charter School Board

Subject: Letter of Certification for Salt Lake Arts Academy

Certifications:

The Utah State Charter School Board (SCSB) certifies or provides information for the following:

a) Salt Lake Arts Academy's (SLAA) charter is in place and is in good standing.
   a. Chartering requirements are met.
   b. No outstanding or unresolved concerns exist.
   c. SLAA has no deficiencies; in other words, SLAA is not on Warning or Probation status.

b) **Mission**: The mission of the Salt Lake Arts Academy is to prepare students to become confident and creative builders of their future, equipped through the arts and academics to take responsibility for shaping their communities.

   Response: Salt Lake Arts Academy was founded to prepare students to become critical and creative thinkers who are capable of handling the complexities that confront them, in school and in life. In order to achieve this, we offer an educational program that responds to the unique developmental needs and characteristics of middle-school aged students through an engaging and arts-enriched curriculum.

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c) Key Elements

	Key Element	Tracked 2018
1	**Arts Integration –** The arts are woven through each academic discipline at SLArts, usually in the form of a creative assessment, where students are asked to "show what they know" is a creative way. Students use various media and 21st-centurty tools to demonstrate knowledge.	Yes
2	**Small Class Size** – We have maintained our vision for small, intimate classes where students are well-known by their teachers and their peers. This is a core value of our Faculty and our school community. Currently class size averages 22 students.	Yes
3	**Enriched Collaboration –** Faculty works across disciplines to design projects requiring students to pull knowledge from various arts forms and academic subjects. Our Mathematics program (CPM -- College Preparatory Math) is known nationally for its collaborative nature.	Yes
4	**Collaborative Partnerships –** While the original partnerships proposed in our Charter Application are no longer in place (the organizations are not extant, or have changed significantly in purpose in scope), we have established partnerships and collaborations with multiple community	Yes

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	organizations, including: University of Utah Reading Clinic, Westminster College's arts teacher training program, Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, Anatomy Academy (a partnership between the U, BYU and UVU), Bike Utah, Liberty Wells Rec Center and more.	
5	**Flexible Groupings --** Students are placed in multi-grade classes for 7th and 8th Grade Humanities classes. Arts classes for 6th, 7th and 8th graders are multi-grade as well. Math classes are leveled beginning in 6th Grade.	Yes
6	**Students Study Two Art Forms in Depth** --- Each of our students receives at least one hour of Arts education every day. 5th Graders take a year-long "Arts Rotation" that includes one term each of Drama, Dance, Visual Art and Music. Students in grades 6-8 select their arts class by semester, moving through Intermediate and Advanced classes as their experience grows.	Yes

d) SLAA has two goals identified in their charter.

a. Statewide Assessment (State Average in Parentheses)

Year	Language Arts	Math	Science
2016	60 (44)	63 (47)	62 (49)
2017	67 (46)	69 (46)	62 (48)
2018	63 (45)	68 (46)	69 (48)

b. End-of-level core curriculum assessment data has not been collected.

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e) Budgeted and actual revenues for the last 3 years.

Salt Lake Arts Academy								
Working Budget for Board								
Revenue	**Orig Budget FY17**	**Final Budget FY17**	**Actual FY17**	**Orig Budget FY18**	**Final Budget FY18**	**Actual FY18**	**Orig Budget FY19**	**Final Budget FY19**
1410 Transportation Fees Students	44,655	47,120	47,121	45,982	51,049	51,049	49,680	50,496
1500 Pool A Interest from Bond Reser	3,000	5,370	6,693	5,500	8,330	8,330	7,000	15,564
1510 Interest Earned PTIF	1,500	2,130	2,130	2,400	7,200	7,200	5,000	10,200
1710 Student Fees	55,000	57,905	57,905	58,976	60,435	60,435	60,000	71,731
1750 Student Lunch Items	7,000	7,390	7,393	7,000	6,419	6,419	5,000	7,986
1790 Student Funded Activ.	199,000	217,012	192,851	195,000	215,878	219,330	200,000	246,697
1910 Rent	25,000	33,400	33,400	30,000	30,140	22,140	30,000	30,300
1920 Foundation Grants & Fundraising	105,000	119,042	131,992	105,000	124,316	124,287	115,000	148,011
1990 Other Revenue Local Sources	5,000	5,410	5,409	5,000	10,882	10,882	5,000	6,762
3000 State Funding	2,460,735	2,512,878	2,510,023	2,647,351	2,691,577	2,695,410	2,731,118	2,846,433
4000 Federal Funding	76,247	69,235	69,305	45,002	100,947	98,976	69,500	60,947
4990 Uncategorized Income	4,680	4,320	4,320	4,320				
Total Revenue	2,986,817	3,081,212	3,068,542	3,151,531	3,307,173	3,304,458	3,277,298	3,495,127
Expenses								
10 Instruction	1,641,436	1,713,900	1,700,555	1,857,335	1,835,922	1,837,067	1,962,274	1,991,694
21 Student Support	103,580	96,237	96,148	114,220	114,375	114,375	118,555	123,708
22 Teacher Support	63,755	72,020	71,946	3,700	111,659	111,660	4,500	80,295
23 Liability Insurance & Legal Fees	11,500	13,185	13,180	13,000	11,191	10,580	11,250	11,751
24 School Administration	135,879	134,436	135,274	147,833	150,836	150,835	151,493	161,388
25 Central Administration	196,983	185,885	185,199	231,515	221,469	221,646	229,637	230,870
26 Facility	201,925	212,735	212,004	167,140	170,855	169,543	155,339	198,073

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27 Transportation	60,535	59,350	59,349	62,096	61,889	61,889	63,200	64,412
33 After School	164,768	164,220	164,717	163,500	165,892	165,893	179,767	151,060
50 Bond	384,058	383,658	383,658	384,758	434,685	**434,685**	377,191	407,895
Total Expenses	2,964,419	3,035,626	3,022,030	3,145,097	3,278,773	3,278,173	3,253,206	3,421,146
Net Excess Revenue over Expenses	22,398	45,586	46,512	6,434	28,400	26,285	24,092	73,981

Notes:

USTAR and Digital Learning Grant are not included in Orig. Budgets								
Teacher Support in orig. budget is included in Instruction								
Special Flow Thru Grant								
incl. Capital Lease payments								

f) Enrollment history by school and grade

a. The school has a minimum of

Year	5	6	7	8	Total
2005					243
2006					245
2007					245
2008					246
2009					272
2010					300
2011					300
2012					300
2013					390
2014					

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2015	87	107	105	91	390
2016	95	97	97	104	393
2017	98	99	99	96	392
2018	99	99	99	95	392
2019	101	101	103	96	401
2020	408	102	102	101	408

b. SLAA's current enrollment limit according to the charter agreement is 400.

c. SLAA's re-enrollment for the last three years is 89%, 93%, and 95%. Re-enrollmlent is greater than 80%

d. SLAA's ADM for the last three years was 99.7%, 101%, and 100% over the previous year. The ADM for the last three consecutive years is greater than 90%.

e. Comparison schools

	% English Learner	% Minority	% Economic Disadvantage	% Disabilities	State Accountability % Points
Salt Lake Arts	< 3	21	11	8	63
Nearby Schools					
Bryant MS	22	78	88	20	39
Glendale MS	27	88	92	18	38
Liberty ES	44	74	100	17	58
Similar Schools					

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Renaissance Academy	< 3	21	15	10	53
Wasatch JHS	< 3	19	14	6	52
Churchill JHS	< 3	11	13	5	57
Salt Lake SD	21	37	59	13	
State	7	26	33	12	

f. Data was retrieved from the 2018 Utah School Report Card Rank List. Comparison schools were selected via proximity to the charter school site. Similar schools were identified through the Compare Schools function on the USBE Data Gateway.

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