

(10) NONE OF GRIMMWAY’S CHARTER SCHOOLS HAVE CLOSED

Grimmway has not had any charter schools it operates or manages closed for any reason whatsoever; has not had a charter revoked due to noncompliance with statutory or regulatory requirements; and has not had our affiliation with any charter school revoked or terminated, including through voluntary disaffiliation. Grimmway Schools originally was established in 2010 as a non-profit public benefit corporation under California law, and granted 501(c)(3) status by the IRS, prior to the founding of GAA. (See App. D.) GAA’s charter was authorized in 2010 by the Kern County Office of Education (KCOE) on appeal after it was denied by the local Arvin Union School District. GAA opened in the fall of 2011; the charter most recently was renewed by KCOE for a new term that continues through June 2026. In 2016, the Richland Union School District authorized GAS for a five-year term through June 2022.

In the event closure of a school should ever become necessary, the California Ed Code contains detailed school closure procedures that Grimmway would follow, including sending written notice of the Closure Action to parents/guardians of all students currently enrolled (with detailed instructions about transfer, student records, etc.); the Board also would ensure that staff worked to identify available openings at nearby charter schools and other alternatives for displaced students. Cal. Ed. Code § 47605(b)(5)(P).