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## **EVALUATIVE COMMENTS:**

February 26, 2025

Jennifer Marshall New York State Education Department Charter School Office 89 Washington Avenue Albany, New York 12234

Dear Ms. Jennifer Marshall,

Thank you again for visiting Evergreen Charter School in November. We appreciate your meticulous documentation during your visit, that allowed for a comprehensive report. We also appreciate that your report accurately reflects our staff members' dedication and passion in educating the whole child.

We welcome the opportunity to share additional information for our renewal report and submit the following evaluative comments to provide context to better understand the performance of our first cohort of high school students. The 2020 cohort was our inaugural high school class, the graduating class of 2024. These students' academics were severely impacted by the pandemic, with the school being shut down for remote learning for months when they were in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. In 9<sup>th</sup> grade, their first year of high school, they attended school in a hybrid format, two days inperson and three days remotely. These students first took the Regents exams in Spring 2022, with some taking the exam a year after they had completed the associated class. These factors collectively impacted the testing outcomes.

Additionally, while we understand that it is standard practice to compare our students' Regents scores to the New York State averages, we also recommend that these scores be compared to the performance of students in our local district (Hempstead Union Free School District) as well.

Evergreen's Board of Trustees and leadership team remain thankful for your partnership and consideration of our charter renewal.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Elena Litescu Superintendent of Evergreen Charter School District