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To: Board of Education

From: Glen Szymoniak, Assistant Superintendent

Re: Soldotna Montessori Charter School Reapplication

Soldotna Montessori Charter School is seeking to reapply for their charter with the District and State this year. The reapplication process calls for the Board to negotiate the contracts, conduct a public hearing, then take action to approve the contracts.

Soldotna Montessori Charter School submitted their application to the district in a timely manner and participated in negotiations with Soldotna Elementary and the Charter School Oversight Committee for sharing space in a district facility. A worksession and public hearing occurred at the October 3 Board meeting. The application includes the provisions for a charter school to form a contract with a local school board.

It is significant to note that Soldotna Montessori Charter School put a cap on the number of students in their school for the duration of the contract. It is also significant that projected enrollment calculations indicate that there will be space available to house them at Soldotna Elementary School for the duration of the contract.

Soldotna Montessori Charter School arranged for their proposal to appear before the Alaska State Board of Education at the January 26, 2007 meeting. They are requesting the Board approve their application at the October 23 meeting.