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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO DIVISION

In re Highlands Community Charter and Technical Schools, Debtor and Debtor in Possession.	Case No. 26-25868 Chapter 11 Adv No. 26-02134 DCN: SMR-1
Highlands Community Charter and Technical Schools, Plaintiff, v. Twin Rivers Unified School District Board of Trustees and California State Board of Education, Defendants.	Hearing Information Judge: Hon. Christopher D. Jaime Date: November 10, 2026 Time: 11:00 a.m. Place: Courtroom 32, Department B 501 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

DECLARATION OF R.J. GUESS IN SUPPORT OF DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR ORDER EXTENDING STAY TO THE REVOCATION APPEAL UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105(a) AND 362

I, R.J. Guess, declare as follows:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of John Muir Charter Schools ("JMCS") and have and have held that position since July 2011. I have been a part of JMCS since 2001, when I was a teacher / lead teacher for two years at a charter school site before I became the Deputy Director of JMCS in 2003.

2. I submit this declaration ("Declaration") in support of the *Debtor's Motion for Order Extending Stay to the Revocation Appeal Under Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a) and* 362 (the "Motion") filed by Highlands Community Charter and Technical Schools ("HCCTS" or the "Debtor"), a California Non-Profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of California, and the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession in this voluntary chapter 11 case (the "Chapter 11 Case") filed on October 4, 2026 (the "Petition Date"), under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

3. Except as otherwise indicated, all facts in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, my review of relevant documents and information, or my opinions based upon my experience and knowledge. I am over the age of eighteen and am authorized to submit this Declaration on behalf of the Debtor. If called upon as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth in this Declaration.

4. As the CEO of JMCS, I oversee all operations for 38 separate school sites throughout California, and my responsibilities include but are not limited to funding, curriculum, and managing JMCS' partnerships with state, federal and local agencies.

5. JMCS exclusively serves re-engaged high school dropouts who are enrolled in certain programs, including but not limited to the California Conservation Corps, Local Conservation Corps, and YouthBuild.

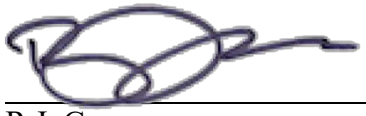
6. Each JMCS school has specific age limitations. With very few exceptions, JMCS serves and enrolls students up to 26 years of age.

7. The program at the JMCS Sacramento site is a feeder program for the local Sacramento Conservation Corps, which in turn has its own age limitations.

8. I am informed that 39.2 years of age is the average age of students at Highlands Community Charter School ("HCCS"). Accordingly, JMCS would only be able to enroll only a few, if any, HCCS students due to JMCS' age limitations.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 31st day of October 2026, at Long Beach, California.



R.J. Guess