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Commissioner

February 15, 2013

Neil Kinnon, Chair, Board of Trustees  
Mystic Valley Regional Charter School  
770 Salem Street  
Malden MA 02148

Dear Mr. Kinnon:

Congratulations on the renewal of the charter for Mystic Valley Regional Charter School. Based upon the evidence gathered over the past four years regarding the school's academic success, organizational viability, and faithfulness to the terms of its charter and under the authority delegated to me by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, I have approved the renewal of the school's charter, with conditions, under Massachusetts General Law c. 71, § 89 and 603 CMR 1.00. The charter term is five years, beginning July 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2018. The terms of the charter include the following:

Type of Charter	Commonwealth	Location	Malden
Regional/Non-Regional	Regional	Districts in Region	Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, Wakefield
Maximum Enrollment	1,500	Chartered Grade Span	K – 12

This renewal is explicitly conditioned as follows. Failure to meet this condition may result in the Board placing Mystic Valley Regional Charter School on probation, revoking its charter, or imposing additional conditions on its charter.

1. Beginning in March 2013 and until further notice, the Mystic Valley Regional Charter School (MVRCS) will submit to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department), at [charterschools@doe.mass.edu](mailto:charterschools@doe.mass.edu) or 75 Pleasant St., Malden, MA, 02148, board meeting agendas, materials, and minutes prior to each board meeting at the same time these items are sent to MVRCS board members. The Department reserves the right to request additional information, such as quarterly or monthly financial statements, if board materials do not already include this information, and MVRCS must provide such additional information within two business days.
2. By May 31, 2013, the Board of Trustees of MVRCS shall amend its bylaws to set specific, reasonable limits on successive or total terms that a member may serve on the board of trustees. These limits must apply to all current board members.

3. By May 31, 2013, the Board of Trustees of MVRCS will engage in a comprehensive self-evaluation of its own capacity and recruit additional members who have the needed expertise.
4. By July 31, 2013, the Board of Trustees of MVRCS will expand the board membership to at least seven members.
5. By September 30, 2013, the Board of Trustees of MVRCS will engage in training, conducted by an external consultant, accepted by and approved in advance by the Department, on the roles and responsibilities of a public charter school board of trustees.

The charter school initiative is a key component of education reform in Massachusetts, and your school has proved what a strong vision, high standards, and hard work can accomplish for the students of Massachusetts. I wish you great success as you continue to provide academic excellence and choice to the children of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

C: Martin Trice, Director