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Director, Julie Colello
ACADIA Charter School
12 Westminster Road
Lewiston, ME 04240

September 1, 2016

Dear Director Colello,

Thank you for submitting your application and supporting materials for a Public Preschool Program for four year olds as defined in MRSA 20-A. Based on the information currently provided, this letter acts as approval of the public preschool program to be offered at: **ACADIA Charter School** located at **12 Westminster Road, Lewiston** for the school year: **7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017**. As per your application, the program will operate two separate classrooms of 12 children with a morning and afternoon session each, Monday-Friday, 3 hours/day for each session.

I will attend the site visit on December 8th, with Maine's Charter School Commission and a representative from CDS. The Public Preschool Monitoring Protocol, based on the standards outline in Chapter 124, will be provided to you in advance of the visit.

In order that this school has the appropriate approved grade levels associated with the school and the proper student subsidy counts are calculated, please make sure that you list the low grade as "4YO" in the NEO Maine Schools Update Module which needs to be completed before the start of school for the 2016/2017 school year. If a child is "school age" five by Oct 15 but attending a four year old program for appropriate developmental placement, that child should be reported in the grade "EK". Attendance must also be taken daily for completion of the Aggregate Daily Attendance Report.

Sincerely,

Sue Reed
Early Childhood Specialist
Maine Department of Education

cc: Bob Kautz
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