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I'd like to take this opportunity to follow up with you since my previous letter which introduced Virtual Learning Solutions. In my first correspondence, I presented our Board's intention to submit an application to multiple districts in the Fox River Valley to operate a charter school to be named Illinois Virtual Academy @ Fox River Valley. ILVA@FRV will be a high-performing online charter school, opening in the fall of 2013, using technology to connect students, parents, and teachers throughout the Fox River Valley Region. Delivered on- and off-line, this unique program will offer an alternative learning model for students who would be best served by this approach. ILVA@FRV will equip every student with the academic and non-academic foundations needed for any postsecondary opportunity they wish to pursue.

We intend to submit applications to the following districts on or about February 15th:

- CUSD 200
- Aurora West USD 129
- Batavia USD 101
- Geneva CUSD 304
- DeKalb CUSD 428
- Yorkville CUSD 115
- Kaneland CUSD 302
- Sycamore CUSD 427
- Central CUSD 301
- SD U-46
- Indian Prairie CUSD 204
- Plainfield SD 202
- CUSD 300
- Valley View CUSD 365U
- Naperville CUSD 203
- Oswego CUSD 308
- Aurora East USD 131
- St Charles CUSD 303

The Board of Directors of Virtual Learning Solutions understands that your district might not be familiar with the charter school application process so we wanted to take this opportunity to explain the following:

1. Upon receipt of the application, the Illinois Charter Law requires that the district hold a public hearing within 45 days of receipt of the application
2. Once the public hearing is held, Illinois Charter Law requires that the district issue a decision within 30 days of the public hearing
 - a. The district has three options for decisions:
 - i. The district can approve the charter and therefore become a charter school authorizer
 - ii. The district can deny the charter (at which time the applicant does retain the right to appeal to the Illinois State Charter School Commission)
 - iii. The districts may “yield to the (Illinois State Charter) Commission in light of the complexities of joint administration”

On January 29th, 30th, and 31st, we held three community meetings that we published in the *Daily Herald* to inform the community about online learning and our program. We look forward to continuing this outreach to the community. We do not anticipate that a high percentage of students from each district will elect to enroll in this charter school. This is a unique model and not a fit for every student. On average, our experience is that less than ½ of one percent of the total student population in public schools are interested in enrolling in this type of school program. The Board’s contact person for the charter application will be:

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We are eager to work with you as a partner on this endeavor and believe that providing this option to students is important. We welcome an opportunity to meet with you, to give you more information about our charter model and to answer any questions that you might have regarding the application and this process. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and your dedication to children of the Fox River Valley.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Mutchler and Mr. Grosso:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Virtual Learning Solutions, I am submitting the enclosed proposal for a multi-district charter school to operate Illinois Virtual Charter School @ Fox River Valley to the Geneva CUSD 304 District. ILVCS@FRV will be a high-performing online charter school, opening in the fall of 2013, using technology to connect students, parents, and teachers throughout the Fox River Valley Region. Delivered on- and off-line, this unique program will offer an alternative learning model for students who would be best served by this approach. ILVCS@FRV will equip every student with the academic and non-academic foundations needed for any postsecondary opportunity they wish to pursue.

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