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February 14, 2025

Virtual College & Career Prep Academy of Ohio Mary Gifford 1550 Old Henderson Road Suite 110W Columbus, Ohio 43220

Dear Mary Gifford,

<u>Ohio Revised Code 3314.013</u> allows for no more than five new non-dropout recovery internetbased or computer-based community schools to open per year. All new community schools of this nature or existing community schools wishing to begin operation as internet-based or computer-based schools must receive approval from the director of the Department of Education and Workforce, based on measures outlined in <u>Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)</u> <u>3301-102-09</u>.

Applications and supporting documentation for approval of new internet-based or computerbased community schools were required to be submitted by January 15, 2025. Based on the information received and reviewed by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, the request for Virtual College & Career Prep Academy of Ohio to open a statewide internet-based community school for the 2025-2026 school year is **approved**.

If you have any questions about the contract process, please work with your sponsor and the Office of Community Schools at <u>community.schools@education.ohio.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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