**Letter of Support for Sanel Valley Academy Charter School**

Submitting a letter of support for Sanel Valley Academy Charter School does not obligate you in any way, however, demonstrating that our school has widespread community support is a significant part of Ukiah Unified School District’s criteria for approval. Your letter will be submitted with our charter school application on October 1, 2020. With your help, Sanel Valley Academy Charter School could open in September 2021.

A sample letter follows. Please make a copy, or download the letter template, edit bracketed information, then save and sign your letter.

Please submit signed letters to Amy: SVA President OR Melea: SVA Secretary, or no later than September 30, 2020:

Via Email (preferred): melea@sanelvalleyacademy.com

Via Mail: Amy Frost: President: Sanel Valley Academy, 1595 University Road, Hopland, CA 95449

**Thank you for your support!**

**The Mission of Sanel Valley Academy Charter School**

Restoring free public choices in education to the Hopland community is essential to a thriving future for Hopland students, families, and our greater community. Sanel Valley Academy (SVA) will be a culturally responsive, community school where all students are valued and supported. SVA students will be prepared to lead and successfully participate in our rapidly changing multicultural society, they will contribute to the community with creative solutions and a resilient, empowered, culturally competent and collaborative mindset.

**The Sanel Valley Academy Approach to Teaching and Learning**

SVA will empower all students to become critical thinkers, innovative problem solvers, and effective leaders through a dynamic and collaborative curriculum. SVA partners with families and the community to provide a program that reflects student needs and celebrates diversity. Innovative learning opportunities for students at SVA will include access to outdoor education, blended-learning, school gardens, science, technology, engineering, art & math integration and strong support for multilingual students. Each student will thrive with a network of academic and emotional support and will co-design their own Personalized Learning Plans. Curriculum and instructional practices will be aligned with CA State Standards and will reflect the needs of the diverse student population of Hopland, to prepare resilient, well-rounded, lifelong learners.

[Organization Letterhead, if applicable]

[Full Name]

[Title, if applicable]

[Street Address, City, State Zip]

[Email]

[Date]

Ukiah Unified School District

511 S Orchard Ave

Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear UUSD Board Members,

I am writing to express my support for Sanel Valley Academy Charter School. I am a resident of [insert school district, town, neighborhood] and I believe that Sanel Valley Academy Charter School will be an asset to my community. SVA will provide an educational choice to families with children in grades TK through 8th, one with rigorous academics and core values of safety, community, diversity, fun, and personal growth. Personalized learning combined with an arts integrated approach to teaching a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) curriculum will prepare students for success in college and career, and create contributing, connected citizens.

I am confident that The SVA Board of Directors in partnership with the Hopland community can provide an innovative educational option for parents and students in Hopland. Restoring a school site to our community will also contribute to a more resilient and connected Hopland overall. A culturally responsive, inclusive, restorative and rigorous curriculum will contribute to local pride and local industry and help Hopland youth to be well-prepared to succeed in the variety of career-pathways available at Ukiah High School, or in future opportunities such as college and career.

[Insert here: Why are you in support of this charter school application? What is your connection with the school? Please share ideas about how you/ your organization can work together with teachers and school leadership to contribute to sustainability, student experience, enrichment programming, facilities, field trips, student learning opportunities, professional development, etc.]

I support the approval of Sanel Valley Academy Charter School to serve students in my district. I value the mission and approach of Sanel Valley Academy Charter School and I would be pleased to see a free public school of choice in the community.

Sincerely,

[Sign]

[Insert Name]