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Options for Youth- Duarte (OFY-D), a public charter school program is a non-profit charter school compliant with state ADA regulations to serve students in grades 9-12. The proposed West Covina center located at 131 N. Azusa Blvd., West Covina, CA. would be a registered active charter school with the California Department of Education (CDE). Additionally, OFY-Duarte is already accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Students who attend OFY-Duarte earn course credits and are enrolled until either they transfer back to a traditional school or graduate from OFY-Duarte with a high school diploma.

One primary characteristic that makes OFY unique is that students attend OFY schools by choice. All students sign a contract stating their commitment by voluntarily adhering to the enrollment requirements, which include: attendance, work production, test performance, on-site rules, regulations and graduation. The aforementioned rules and regulations enforced at all OFY Schools' addresses student behavior within the vicinity of each center.

OFY-Duarte offers blended learning, with most of our students' coursework being independent study based. Students can receive direct instruction on site however in small group instruction classes in Math, English and Science. School hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Students would come to the school site twice a week, either on a Monday-Wednesday schedule or a Tuesday Thursday schedule. Additionally, students can come to the school site on a Friday if an extra appointment is needed. Each teacher serves a maximum of 8 students per 1 hour appointment. Appointment times are 8:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:00 am. The school site is closed for lunch from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm. Afternoon appointments are at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. The school site is closed most Saturdays and all Sundays, however, OFY-Duarte offers Saturday school intermittently. Total staff is 16 on a rotating schedule.

Most students arrive by public transportation, by bicycle, or by foot and generally do not own a car due to less-privileged economic conditions. Metro and bus passes are offered to students free of charge. The school site would not have any car lines as well. If students arrive by car, the driver is required to park and then walk to the site. As students enter the vicinity of the school they are immediately ushered into the school under the supervision of onsite faculty who are also supervising the surroundings near the school's immediate location.

Additionally, in an effort to maintain a private, safe and respectful learning environment for each student, OFY-Duarte centers are built to current building code requirements and contain various features and amenities. For example, the exterior windows of each center are outfitted with tint and anti-graffiti film. Also, each center has an alarm system that triggers police action if an incident occurs. Furthermore, security cameras are installed around the center in an effort to deter and monitor the immediate vicinity. Finally, all third party vendors are required to check in and out of the center when in operation. These preventative measures are in place to ensure a safe and secure environment for all OFY-Duarte students and faculty. OFY-Duarte has from time to time utilized the services of a non armed guard, as an added measure of security.

I want to thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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