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**Fwd: \*\* RVA Charter Renewal Agreement \*\***

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From: **jen.harris@ruralvirtual.org** <jen.harris@ruralvirtual.org>  
Date: Fri, Oct 4, 2024 at 7:54 AM  
Subject: **\*\* RVA Charter Renewal Agreement \*\***  
To: Lglasbrenner <lglasbrenner@rvschools.org>  
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Good Morning Loren and Pat!

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Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the Rural Virtual Academy Charter School (RVA). River Valley administrators, attached is a renewal agreement for your district to consider approving allowing your district to remain in the RVA until June 30, 2025. Here is a short video from Charlie explaining your partnership and options:  
**RVA Update October 2024.**

As stated in the video,

**If your district is renewing this partnership**, please have your board take action on this agreement, secure necessary signatures, and return a copy of the signed document either electronically or by mail to [jen.harris@ruralvirtual.org](mailto:jen.harris@ruralvirtual.org) by January 1, 2025.

**River Valley 5-Year Commitment Renewal**

**If your district is non-renewing this partnership**, please simply reply to this email stating your intentions to no longer be part of this consortium by January 1, 2025. We can then begin the process of working with the DPI in closing your local RVA school prior to the start of the inter-district open enrollment period anticipated to begin February 3, 2025.

If your Board is curious, the average cost per pupil for a student attending your local RVA school has averaged under \$4,000 (\$2,773 actual 12-year average) for over a decade. We will continue to increase tuitions as costs go up, but we still believe this is incredible value in comparison to the State's open enrollment tuition amount of \$8,962 for regular education or \$13,814 for special education students.

Thank you again for your partnership with the RVA. We hope and look forward to 5 more years working alongside you, but if your district is heading in a different direction, we completely understand and wish you the best. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend!



## **Rural Virtual Academy 5 Year Commitment Renewal**

Thank you for your district's partnership in the Rural Virtual Academy Charter School (RVA) consortium. Every five years, the charter that operates this school needs to be renewed and re-authorized by the Department of Public Instruction, the RVA Governance Board, and the authorizing school district's Board of Education. The authorizing school board for the RVA is the Medford Area Public School District.

The current charter expires on June 30, 2025. The above-mentioned parties have since made the necessary approvals to allow the RVA to operate for an additional five years, and the charter is set to renew again prior to June 30, 2030.

As part of this process, your district is being extended the opportunity to remain as an invested member of this consortium by considering the approval of this commitment. By signing this agreement, prior to January 1, 2025, you are extending your commitment to belong to the RVA consortium for five additional years. By not signing this agreement prior to January 1, 2025, we will need to notify the Department of Public Instruction of your district's intention to no longer operate a local RVA school. Parents of children currently enrolled in your local RVA school will be notified to file for inter-district open enrollment in February of 2025 to the Medford Area Public School District if they want their children to continue attending the RVA.

Per the RVA charter and fiscal Policy RVA-DB, the following statement describes your district's commitment to the RVA consortium:

### **Multi-Year "Invested" Consortium Agreements**

*A participating school district or other educational institution agrees to remain in the RVA consortium, under commitment both financially and in participation through the RVA Administrative Advisory Council and/or Governance Board, for up to five fiscal years. Additionally, participating districts and other educational institutions agree to the terms of the RVA Charter, its by-laws, policies, and operational procedures for the term of the charter. Any member consortium school district or other educational institution may apply to terminate membership from the consortium for the succeeding year provided the written request is made prior to the RVA Governance Board's regular January/February meeting. If the majority of RVA Governance Board members veto the request of termination, the request shall be denied and membership shall continue until June 30<sup>th</sup>*

*of the succeeding/following fiscal year. After this time, the district or other educational institution requesting termination may withdraw from future membership.*

In renewal, the School District of River Valley agrees to remain in the Rural Virtual Academy consortium, under commitment both financially and in participation through the RVA Governance Board, for the 2025 – 2030 school years.

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River Valley District Administrator

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River Valley Board President or Clerk

By January 1, 2025, please return a signed copy of this agreement to:

**Jen Harris**  
**RVA Board Secretary**

**Email to:**     jen.harris@ruralvirtual.org

**Mail to:**       Rural Virtual Academy  
                  c/o Jen Harris  
                  624 College St.  
                  Room 104  
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