



Orange Unified School District (OUSD)
1401 North Handy St.
Orange, CA 92867

October 17, 2017

Dear Superintendent and Members of the Board of Education of OUSD,

This is a letter in full support of the proposal to create the TLC charter school. The Donna Ford Attallah College of Educational Studies is committed to being an active partner on this proposal and will participate in bringing inclusive model education to this school in Orange County.

We believe in TLC's mission to "educate diverse students through a rigorous, standards-based, college-preparatory program to become conscientious, caring, and responsible 21st Century citizens. TLC is grounded in an inclusive vision of teaching and learning in which the diverse experiences and spectrum of abilities students bring to the school are honored."

The school aligns with the Attallah College's mission: "Through teaching excellence, engaged scholarship, and transformative educational practices, we collaborate with individuals, families, communities, schools, and organizations toward an inclusive, equitable, and just world."

The partnership between the Attallah College of Educational Studies and TLC, in collaboration with OUSD, will provide opportunities for teachers, professors, and researchers to consistently study this inclusive model and support TLC's school leaders and faculty as they continuously improve the instructional model at TLC grounded in innovation and best practices. Mutually beneficial research opportunities will be developed between the partners to ensure that all children are educated to their greatest potential; this research will be disseminated more broadly to educators across the district and California.

Chapman University's Donna Ford Attallah College of Educational Studies looks forward to partnering with TLC and urges the Superintendent and Members of the Board of Education of the Orange Unified School District to authorize this exciting new school for families in Orange.

Sincerely,

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Donna Ford Attallah College of Educational Studies

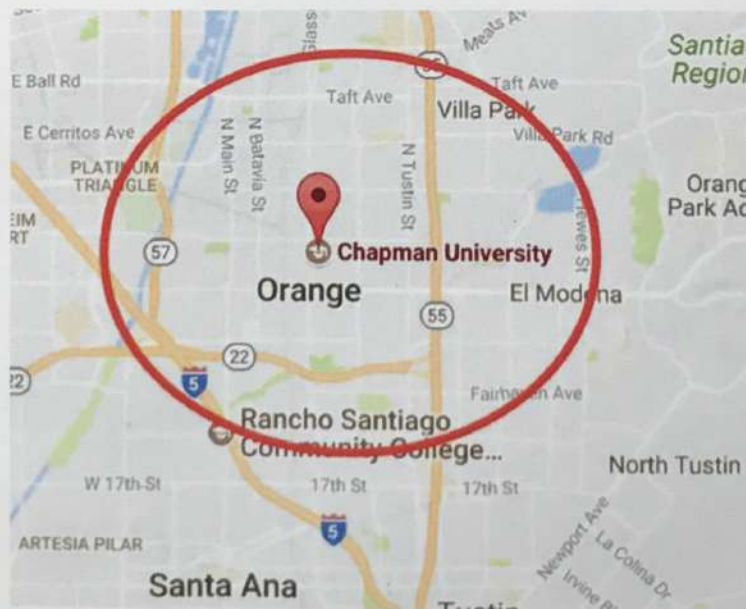
differentiation based on their specific needs (e.g. Gifted, English Learner, At-risk, etc.) in this way all students receive individualized attention throughout their time at TLC to meet their educational needs.

As CHIME SCS and WISH Charter Schools have demonstrated, students with disabilities, along with students who are gifted and typically developing, can achieve and thrive in an inclusive learning environment. The inclusive model benefits far more than the students with special needs as all of the students thrive in a personalized, differentiated approach to learning that is authentically child-centered.

STUDENT POPULATION TO BE SERVED

SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TLC plans to locate in the area immediately surrounding the Chapman University campus in the Old Town Orange area, including portions of zip codes 92866, 92867 and 92868, so that we have close proximity to our partners at the University.



First Christian Church has been identified as the site.

**Located at:
1130 East Walnut
Avenue Orange,
CA 92867**

(Source: googlemaps.com)

While we have not yet secured a facility (and will not sign a lease until our charter is approved), we have identified three potential temporary facilities options within 3.5 miles of Chapman. Two of the three have previously been school facilities and are appropriately permitted, while the third would require a Conditional Use Permit. Each is large enough to accommodate our planned enrollment for at least two years. As we pursue these options, we will continue to pursue additional potential facilities options in the community. In future years, TLC reserves the right to apply for a Proposition 39 facility from the District, though we hope to secure our own long-term home in a private facility. (See additional information about facilities in the *Additional Provisions* section of the charter.)