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March 26, 2013

Mr. Darrell Allison, President Parents for Educational Freedom in NC 434 Fayetteville Street Raleigh, NC 27601

Mr. Eddie Goodall, Executive Director North Carolina Public Charter School Association P.O. Box 78525 Charlotte, NC 28271

Mr. Baker Mitchell, Board Chair NC Alliance for Public Charter Schools 324 S. Wilmington Street, Suite 405 Raleigh, NC 27605

Gentleman:

I am writing this letter in response to various questions that have arisen regarding the 2014 charter application process. As you know, the State Board of Education highly respects the knowledge and expertise of the Public Charter Schools Advisory Council (Council). Based on the Council's recommendation, the State Board of Education unanimously approved the revised application, the review process, initial screening tool, and evaluative rubric in November 2012. The Council remains committed to recommending quality charter schools in North Carolina.

The Office of Charter Schools (OCS) provided multiple training sessions for applicant groups. This comprehensive training guided applicants as to the expectations and process for completing the new version of the application. The trainings stressed the necessity of submitting complete applications. In fact, applicants who chose to participate in the trainings have expressed appreciation for the opportunity.

On February 11, 2013, at its regularly-scheduled meeting, the Council instructed the OCS to screen all applications and to disqualify applications that were incomplete or lacking a key component necessary to meet basic statutory requirements. Specifically, the Council asked that staff in OCS disqualify any application that:

- 1. Failed to be submitted timely;
- 2. Failed to include signature pages;
- 3. Failed to include required notarized signatures;
- 4. Omitted biographies of board members in Appendix E;
- 5. Contained inconsistent school names or used school names not belonging to the applicant;
- 6. Described or contained Exceptional Children programs not consistent with federal law; or
- 7. Contained any negative fund balances in the proposed budget.

These criteria are consistent with basic application review protocol and are necessary to ensure that incomplete or deficient applications not meeting basic statutory criteria were screened out prior to Council review.

On March 1, 2013, 70 public charter school applications were submitted. Using the initial screening sheet and the criteria from the Council, 28 applications were identified as incomplete. OCS notified those applicants by letter that their application was deemed incomplete and would not be reviewed by the Council. Applications were found incomplete due to at least one of the following reasons:

- Missing one or more application requirements listed on the initial screening sheet;
- Incomplete sections of the application;
- Inadequate financial plan: demonstrating a budget deficit;
- Missing signatures throughout the application; or
- Untimely submission.

With 42 applicants properly submitting their completed charter applications prior to the March 1, 2013, deadline, accepting incomplete applicants without the required components is inconsistent and unfair. The Council has established a transparent decision-making process. Consistent implementation is the only way to retain that reputation. Therefore, the Council will proceed with reviewing the 42 complete applications.

Our goal is to have quality charter schools that offer a quality educational program for North Carolina students and their families. Applicants are welcome to revise their application and submit one in future rounds. Following the SBE adopted timeline, letters of intent are due in September 2013.

Sincerely,

Joel E. Medley, Director Office of Charter Schools

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c: June St. Clair Atkinson, Superintendent, NC Department of Public Instruction Martez Hill, State Board of Education, Executive Director Public Charter Advisory Council Members



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Ms. Sherry Lakes 612 S. Race Street Statesville, NC 28677

Dear Ms. Sherry Lakes:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Academy of Excellence Charter School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Academy of Excellence Charter School charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Hard copy of the application
- 2. Governance organization chart
- 3. Appendix A

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Dr. English Bradshaw 1629 E. Third Street, # 306B Winton Salem, NC 27101

Dear Dr. English Bradshaw:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Addie C. Morris Children's School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Addie C. Morris Children's School charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Governance organization chart
- 2. Section I. Projected student enrollment years 6-10
- 3. Appendix E (Board member signatures)

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Mr. Joseph Ivey P.O. Box 221053 Durham, NC 27703

Dear Mr. Joseph Ivey:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Antonio Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Antonio Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Complete Instructional Program
- 2. Complete K-8 Curriculum
- 3. Section IV: Subsections (School Lunch Plan, Health and Safety, & Facility)
- 4. Appendices: B, F, & L

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Ms. Patricia Greene 4408 Deacon Court High Point, NC 27265

Dear Ms. Patricia Greene:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Bryan School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Bryan School charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. No hard copy of the application
- 2. Appendices: J & K
- 3. Appendix E: Missing board member signature

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Ms. A. Necole Jones 952 Golf House Rd. W Suite 1-228 Whitsett, NC 27265

Dear Ms. A. Necole Jones:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for CARE Leadership Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the CARE Leadership Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Hard copy of the application
- 2. Required Appendices: A, B, C, E, F, G, K, M, L

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Ms. Tanya Johnson 5304 Duckwing Drive Raleigh, NC 27604

Dear Ms. Tanya Johnson:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Filmore Academy Charter School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Filmore Academy Charter School, charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Hard copy of the application
- 2. Balanced budget: Application demonstrates a budget deficit of \$457,000 in year one

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Mr. Norman George 6417 Chapman Court Raleigh, NC 27612

Dear Mr. Norman George:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Frontier Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Frontier Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Academic Calendar

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Ms. Khem Irby 5312 Coveview Court Greensboro, NC 27407

Dear Ms. Khem Irby:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Global Innovative STEAM Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Global Innovative STEAM Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Hard copy submission
- 2. Appendices A, B, E & M

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Ms. Kate Alice Dunaway 19706-B One Norman Boulevard Cornelius, NC 28031

Dear Ms. Kate Alice Dunaway:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Invest Collegiate (Iredell). After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Invest Collegiate (Iredell) charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Appendix B2: Scope and Sequence for one content area

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Mr. Norman George 6417 Chapman Court Raleigh, NC 27612

Dear Mr. Norman George:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for James Madison Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the James Madison Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

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Ms. Marlo L. Wilkins 424 Washington Street Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

Dear Ms. Marlo L. Wilkins:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for KIPP Halifax College Preparatory. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the KIPP Halifax Preparatory charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Governance Organization Chart

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Ms. Stacy Remy 9025 Scottsboro Drive Huntersville, NC 28078

Dear Ms. Stacy Remy:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Lakehaven Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Lakehaven Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Appendix M: Insurance Quote
- 2. Operations Budget: No insurance included in budget

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Mr. Ed Sieber 608-B Matthews-Mint Hill Road Matthews, NC 28105

Dear Mr. Ed Sieber:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Matthews-Mint Hill Charter Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Matthews-Mint Hill Charter Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Governance Organization Chart
- 2. Academic Calendar

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Ms. Jill King 1706 Greensboro Street New Bern, NC 28560

Dear Ms. Jill King:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for New Bern International Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the New Bern International Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Hard copy of the application
- 2. Appendix F: By laws

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Mr. Norman George 6417 Chapman Court Raleigh, NC 27612

Dear Mr. Norman George:

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Dear Mr. Norman George:

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Mr. Ali Tomback 3529 Parkhill Crossing Drive High Point, NC 27265

Dear Mr. Ali Tomback

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Queen City STEM School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Queen City STEM School charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Governance: Incomplete Board (Number of members does not meet by laws)

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Mr. Ted Biggers 10323 Idlewild Road Matthews, NC 28105

Dear Mr. Ted Biggers:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Queen's Grant High School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Queen's Grant High School charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

Governance: Page 18 blank
 Health and Safety: Not signed

3. Appendix E: Missing two board members response sheets and resume

4. Appendix M: Insurance quote

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Mr. Robert J. Williams P.O. Box 1395 High Point, NC 27261

Dear Mr. Robert Williams:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Robert J. Brown Leadership Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Robert J. Brown Leadership Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Appendix A: Evidence of Need

2. Appendix E: Unsigned board member response

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Ms. Barbra Jones 3610 Thaddeus Lott Lane Leland, NC 28451

Dear Ms. Barbra Jones:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for South Brunswick Charter School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the South Brunswick Charter School charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Overall Budget: Demonstrated a budget deficit in year one of operation

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Ms. Patricia Boykin-Moore P.O. Box 755 Clinton, NC 28329

Dear Ms. Patricia Boykin-Moore:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Success First Scholars Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Success First Scholars Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Overall Budget: Demonstrates a negative budget balance in all five years of operations

As authorized by legislation, the State Board of Education (SBE) developed the application requirements based upon the Charter School Act. Applications were due to the Office of Charter Schools by noon on March 1, 2013. Since applications must be complete to be considered, your application will not be reviewed by the Public Charter School Advisory Council.

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If you have questions, please contact Dr. Thomas Miller at 919-807-3492 or Thomas.miller@dpi.nc.gov.

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Ms. Melissa Barnes Grimes 3006 Phillips Road Greenville, NC 28329

Dear Ms. Melissa Barnes Grimes:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for The A. Michael Dixon School of Leadership. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the The A. Michael Dixon School of Leadership charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Appendix K: Projected Staff

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Ms. Randi Wolk 14100 Wyndfield Circle Raleigh, NC 27615

Dear Ms. Randi Wolk:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for The Platinum School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, The Platinum School, charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

Financial Plan: The application demonstrates a negative budget balance in each of the five years in operation

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Mr. Deryl von Williams 317 S. Garnett Street Henderson, NC 27536

Dear Mr. Deryl von Williams:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Tri-County Public Charter School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Tri-County Public Charter School charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Section VII: Missing signature and notarization
- 2. Signatures missing from multiple sections of the application

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Mr. John Snyder III 6000 Fairview Road, Suite 1200 Charlotte, NC 28210

Dear Mr. John Snyder III:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Union Preparatory Charter School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Union Preparatory Charter School, charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

Financial Plan: No operations budget

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Mr. A.L. Fleming 24 Cabarrus Avenue East Concord, NC 28025

Dear Mr. A.L. Fleming:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for University Public Charter School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the University Public Charter School charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Academic Calendar

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Ms. Shirley Ballard-Foster 4 Queen Anne Court Greensboro, NC 27406

Dear Ms. Shirley Ballard-Foster:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Waddell Elementary School. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Waddell Elementary School charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

- 1. Electronic copy of application
- 2. Completed budget tables
- 3. Projected student enrollment table
- 4. Financial audit page

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Mr. Larry Henson 2505 Forest Lake Court Wake Forest, NC 27587

Dear Mr. Larry Henson:

The Office of Charter Schools received the 2014-2015 public charter school application for Youngsville Academy. After initial screening by the Office of Charter Schools, the Youngsville Academy charter school application was found to be incomplete. The application omitted the following requirements:

1. Overall Budget: Demonstrates a negative operating budget balance in year one

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