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May 1, 2008

Gene Blue and George Dean
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George Dean, President
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Dear Mr. Blue and Mr. Dean:

I am writing to follow-up on the Temporary Suspension of Operation Agreement for Enterprise Academy. In accordance with the agreement, Enterprise Academy will resume operation with the 2008-2009 school year.

In accordance with the Temporary Suspension of Operation Agreement, please submit all necessary amendments and notifications to the program of instruction, mission, methodology, and description for Enterprise Academy by **May 16, 2008**.

I have also enclosed a Consent Agreement for the Voluntary Surrender and Termination of the Charter Contract if you have determined that Enterprise Academy will not resume operation. Please review this Agreement with your legal counsel and your corporate members.

Please submit the appropriate amendments to resume operation or a signed copy of the Voluntary Surrender Agreement along with minutes or board resolution approving the closure by **May 16, 2008**. If this date does not work for you, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Heather Kelley
Contracts & Administrative Services Manager

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May 21, 2008

Ms. Heather Kelley
Contracts & Administrative Services Manager
Az State Board for Charter Schools
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Dear Ms. Kelley:

As indicated during our telephone conversation on May 16, 2008, the Board of Directors of Enterprise Academy continues to evaluate and analyze all factors regarding the resumption of educational services.

Although the Agreement for Temporary Suspension of operations states that we would begin educational activity for the 2008-2009 academic year, we are not confident, at this juncture, that we will be able to resume the operation meeting our internal and/or State requirements for the provision of excellent academic preparation.

We continue to review our curriculum, our Mission and, most importantly, the personnel necessary to not just meet, but exceed the standards for instruction and preparation of our youth.

We are, with this correspondence, requesting that we be afforded a suspension of operations for the 2008-2009 School Year. This would be an additional one year on the existing Suspension, which has been granted. We have received no funds and, therefore, there is no fiscal accountability or return of dollars necessary for any consideration.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this issue at your earliest convenience. Please contact me at 602/254-5081 and advise when we can meet to discuss this request.

Sincerely,

Gene C. Blue

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President
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June 13, 2008

Gene Blue and George Dean
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George Dean, President
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Dear Mr. Blue and Mr. Dean:

This office is in receipt of your letter dated May 21, 2008, requesting a suspension of operations for an additional school year.

As a condition of the Temporary Suspension of Charter Contract Agreement and Statement of Assurances (Agreement), the Board considered the Timeline for Charter evaluation/modification that was provided by Enterprise Academy in a letter dated July 13, 2007, and is enclosed for your reference. In preparing information for the Board's consideration of this matter, please provide documentation that supports the efforts that have been made to adhere to the timeline as it was submitted. Documentation should include agendas, sign-in sheets, minutes or notes from meetings, and the like that demonstrate the effort that was made to adhere to the terms of the Agreement. This information should be received by close of business on June 30, 2008.

Information will be presented to the Board at its August 25, 2008 meeting for its consideration of whether to enter into a new suspension agreement or proceed to hearing regarding the school's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement with cause to revoke the charter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

DeAnna Rowe

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Executive Director

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Arizona Opportunities Industrialization Center

July 13, 2007

DeAnna Rowe, Executive Director
Az. State Board for Charter Schools
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RE: Your July 3, 2007 Correspondence

Dear Ms. Rowe:

Pursuant to subject letter, please find enclosed the following:

1. The number of students impacted by the suspension
   a. Charter estimated counts, FY 2008
   b. Student population for year ending 6/30/07

2. Copies of information provided to parents/guardians
   a. June 28, 3007 letter
   b. July 11, 2007 letter

3. Timeline for Charter evaluation/modification and decisions re 2008/2009 school year (Items may occur concurrently)
   a. July 2007 – September 30, 2007
      1. Accounts processing, quarterly reports, AFR and various reports/working with auditor for Annual Audit, etc.
      2. Begin review of curriculum materials and alignment of same with Charter Mission
      3. Parent/neighborhood meetings to determine perception of school and level of parental involvement.
   b. October 1 – December 31, 2007
      1. Determine if modifications are required to meet goals of "every student" reading at or above grade level; and every student exposed to basic computer operations
      2. Determine level of Staff qualifications to teach, meet/exceed AIMS requirements and initiate School Improvement Objectives
      3. Establish and/or review recruitment methodology required to increase enrollment above all previous levels
      4. Develop plan to increase "business involvement" in all phases of school activity
      5. Recruit applicants for school management and instructors
   c. January – February, 2008
      Review all activity and determine if school will have full operations beginning July 1, 2008

We appreciate your support, involvement and discussion of options regarding the 2008/2009 School Year.

Please contact me if other data is needed.

Sincerely,

Gene C. Blue

President, Board of Directors

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cc: Enterprise Academy Board of Directors

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July 17, 2008

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
ATT: Ms. DeAnna Rowe, Executive Director
1700 West Washington Street, Room 164
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Your correspondence dated June 13, 2008

Dear Ms. Rowe:

We are in receipt of subject correspondence, although same did not arrive at our office until July 7, 2008. The correspondence went to the 415 West Grant Street and we have left instructions with the Post Office that mail to that address is to be forwarded to me at 39 East Jackson Street. We received same and will outline in the following our rationale for requesting a continuation of the suspension of operations for an additional school year.

As indicated in our correspondence dated July 13, 2007, we presented a timeline for evaluation, modification and decisions to be made concerning the 2008-2008 School Year. Item IIIa-1, 2 and 3 were accomplished in a timely manner during the July, 2007 to September 30, 2007 time period. The AFR was completed and submitted on time, our annual Audit was completed by Klecka & Klecka and submitted, and we also met with several parents in the Enterprise Academy area to determine the level of support and an actual perception of the school.

We had meetings with the parents on August 7, 2007 at Enterprise Academy. There were only three parents in attendance who had students previously enrolled at Enterprise Academy. There was open and honest discussion. We again explained why the school was closed for the school year and requested input from them as they saw a need for improvement, changes, etc. at Enterprise Academy. Although we received some very salient comments and observations, the commitment to enroll their own and/or recruit additional students was <u>not</u> conveyed to the Members of the Board.

From October 1 through December 31, there were three Board Meetings, (the one on October 12 to specifically review finances, curriculum and other items. Of particular note at this Meeting was that the Annual Financial Report had to be uploaded to the ADE website on or before the 15th of October and same was accomplished.) Two Focus Groups were also held during this time period. The Focus Groups were with members of Gamma Phi Delta and Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Organization to see if we could inculcate community activities into the Enterprise curriculum. Additionally, we had meetings with Valley of the Sun United Way to see if the Student Leadership activity could be expanded at Enterprise Academy.

The following Meetings were held January and February, 2008:

January 2 at Enterprise Academy with our management firm and the audit firm. The meeting was to determine if in fact all records had been properly transferred for students and to assure that all of the material needed for our annual audit was in place.

January 16 Board Meeting held at AzOIC, 39 East Jackson Street. The Board reviewed the unsolicited applications that had come in concerning instruction and management, and none of those eight applications met our requirements for full certification and the kind of projected improvement that we saw needed in the school.

February 8 second meeting held with AFR Management and Klecka & Klecka regarding the finalization of the annual audit. It was determined that all of the documentation was in place and the audit would be completed in a timely manner for submission to the appropriate sources.

February 14 Board Meeting held. We discussed the requirements and timelines necessary to move forward with plans for beginning operations in 2008. It was the unanimous consensus of the Board that the data we had reviewed to this point did not substantiate a decision to re-open Enterprise Academy in August, 2008.

During the April, May and June, 2008 time period, the Members of the Board received solicited and unsolicited options from entities to subcontract and/or manage the School. The most favorable meeting was held with Resolutions Education Services provider. That Meeting was attended by Board Members, AFR Management and Mrs. Nancy Watty, Executive Assistant for Resolutions. Their proposal is currently being reviewed by Enterprise Academy. It is our understanding, based on data at that meeting and our research, that the track record for Resolutions is very strong, that they have a meaningful and productive relationship with the Arizona Department of Education and that the schools that they have worked with to date have improved considerably, once they become involved. We are continuing to meet with Resolutions and, although it is not feasible to start the school in August, we are looking at other options for beginning Enterprise Academy classes in a modified format for the 09 School Year.

We thank you very much for your assistance, your involvement and trust that our request for suspension of operations for an additional school year will be granted.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Gene C. Blue

Gene C. Blue, President
Board of Directors

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cc: George Dean
Dr. Herman Walker