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July 31, 2018

Dr. Brian L. Turner, Board President
Mrs. Terri Smith, Principal/CEO
Encore Learning d.b.a. Encore Academy
2518 Arts Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70117

Re: Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2

Dear Dr. Turner:

I am writing to inform you that Encore Academy is receiving this Level 2 Notice of Non- Compliance based upon recent outcomes of a formal review of the school's special education practices conducted by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and the Independent Monitor, under *P.B., et al. v. John White, et al.*, Case 2:10-cv-04049. OPSB was notified by the LDOE that Encore Academy was placed on a Corrective Action Plan for Enrollment based upon the state and independent monitoring of your school during the 2017-2018 school year. Therefore, the school is considered non-compliant with its contractual obligations regarding supporting students with disabilities.

At this time, Encore Academy is not meeting expectations with regards to federal legal requirements to enroll and serve students with disabilities. It is critically important that your organization address the concerns noted by the LDOE immediately. In order to return to good standing, Encore Academy will need to successfully exit the CAP issued by the state. OPSB will await confirmation of the state's assessment and make any additional reviews for compliance it sees fit before Encore can return to good standing.

We look forward to your compliance by the determined timelines of the LDOE. Failure to respond to these remedies may result in escalated consequences, including, but not limited to, additional intervention or reduction in charter term upon renewal. Please contact Danalyn Hypolite at Danalyn_Hypolite@opsb.us with any questions that you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dina Hasiotis", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Dina Hasiotis,
Executive Director of School Performance

CC: Dr. Henderson Lewis, Superintendent, OPSB