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July 31, 2018

Mr. Brian P. Egana, Board President
Mr. Jay Altman, Chief Executive Officer
Firstline Schools d.b.a. Langston Hughes Academy
300 N. Broad St. Suite 207
New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

Re: Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2

Dear Mr. Egana:

I am writing to inform you that Langston Hughes 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 Langston Hughes Academy was placed on a Corrective Action Plan for Discipline 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, Langston Hughes Academy is not meeting expectations with regards to its IDEA requirements for disciplinary procedural protections and procedural protections for 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, Langston Hughes 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 Langston Hughes 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,

Dina Hasiotis,
Executive Director of School Performance

CC: Dr. Henderson Lewis, Superintendent, OPSB