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August 01, 2018

Pastor Charles J. Southall, Board President
Spirit of Excellence Academy, Inc.
2503 Willow Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

Re: Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2

Dear Pastor Southall:

I am writing to inform you that Edgar P. Harney Spirit of Excellence Academy ("Harney") is receiving this Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2 given that the school is deemed non-compliant with its contractual obligations regarding its Board of Directors as identified in the charter operating agreement.

On September 26, 2017, OPSB received an email notification from the Edgar P. Harney school leader listing the names of seven charter board members. Most recently, on July 26th, 2018, OPSB made a similar request and received the same listing of board members. And the school's website has had the same listing posted all school year. However, through direct conversations with at least two of the listed board members, OPSB has learned that they resigned months ago without their names being removed from board communications.

Per OPSB Policy HA Section 1.7.2, charter operators are obligated to meet specific requirements for its Board of Directors, specifically, that the board have no fewer than 7 members. At this time, Harney is considered non-compliant with regards to board governance. To return to good standing related to this matter, Harney must comply with all aspects of the requirements as it relates to Board of Directors, including number of board members, residency requirements, background checks, and parent requirements (see Policy HA for details) immediately. Please provide an updated listing of board members, including mailing addresses, and proof that the board meets all legal and policy requirements for a board of directors no later than August 15th, 2018.

Failure to respond to these remedies may result in escalated consequences, including, but not limited to, additional intervention or revocation of your charter contract with OPSB. 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, flowing tail.

Dina Hasiotis,
Executive Director of School Performance

CC: Dr. Henderson Lewis, Superintendent, OPSB