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Pastor Charles J. Southall III., Board President
Spirit of Excellence, Inc. d.b.a. Edgar P. Harney Spirit of Excellence Academy
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 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 Harney 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, Edgar P. Harney is not meeting expectations with regards to its legal obligations 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 related to this matter, Harney 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 Harney 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 revocation of your charter contract. 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 horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dina Hasiotis,
Executive Director of School Performance

CC: Dr. Henderson Lewis, Superintendent, OPSB