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From: Louis Erste [mailto:LErste@doe.k12.ga.us]

Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 8:45 AM

To: R. Stephen Green (Superintendent's Office)

Cc: Jose Boza (Leadership Development); Richard Woods; Ramona Tyson (Superintendent's Office); Laura Lashley; Alice Thompson (Sch Leader/Op Support)

Subject: RE: Policy IBB and Regulation

September 16, 2015

R. Stephen Green, Ed.D.
CEO and Superintendent
DeKalb County School System

Re: Addendum to Letter Dated September 11, 2015

Dear Dr. Green:

Thank you for our continued commitment to charter schools in DeKalb County School System (DCSS). There are a couple of additional revisions I would strongly suggest in addition to my last letter to you. These are necessary to ensure that DCSS' policies are aligned with Georgia law.

37. Please change proposed IBB-R Section III D to comply with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2064(a)(2) and allows one person to vote in both the teacher and the parent elections if they are both a teacher and a parent at school(s) in the proposed charter cluster.

38. Please change proposed IBB-R Section III D to comply with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2064(a)(2) which requires "a majority of the school councils in the high school cluster to, by secret ballot, by at least 60 percent of the percent of the combined vote of the faculty and instructional staff members of the high school cluster and the parents or guardians of students who reside in the attendance zone of such high school cluster present at a public meeting called with two weeks' advance notice for the purpose of deciding whether to submit the petition to the local board for its approval."

Thank you again, Dr. Green. We look forward to assisting your team as it incorporates the revisions included in this and my previous letter.

Lou

Louis J. Erste
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On Sep 16, 2015, at 8:58 AM, R. Stephen Green (Superintendent's Office) <RSGreen@dekalbschoolsga.org>wrote:

Mr. Erste,

Thank you for your input, interpretations, and suggestions,

We will give these due consideration as we go forward but will always be guided first and foremost by what is in the best interest of all families and students of DeKalb County.

Dr. R. Stephen Green

CEO & Superintendent
DeKalb County School District

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From: Louis Erste [mailto:LErste@doe.k12.ga.us]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 9:06 AM
To: R. Stephen Green (Superintendent's Office)
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Subject: Re: Policy IBB and Regulation

Thanks, Steve.

I must say that, since this is the second time you've written this, it appears that you are suggesting that it is not possible for DCSS to both serve DeKalb's families and children and act consistently with state law and State Board of Education rules.

I am sure you don't mean to say that, but I thought I would point it out since it seems as if you are not interested in making the changes we have identified.

Thank you.
Lou

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On Sep 16, 2015, at 9:48 AM, R. Stephen Green (Superintendent's Office) <RSGreen@dekalbschoolsga.org>wrote:

Mr. Erste,

It is unfortunate that you have come to this assumption if for no reason than it is categorically incorrect.

Perhaps you sent this email before you learned of my proposal to have a collaborative discussion about the next draft of our policy as we go forward.

I hope that's the case.

Dr. R. Stephen Green
CEO & Superintendent
DeKalb County School District

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From: Louis Erste <LErste@doe.k12.ga.us>
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Thanks Steve.

I had not heard about your desire but it is welcome news! Thanks for letting me know.

Thanks again and I look forward to that collaboration.

Lou

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