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Via email attachment and U.S. Mail

Kimeu Boynton
Board President
Academy of Dover
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Dear Mr. Boynton:

I am writing regarding the Academy of Dover Charter School's ("AOD") current Formal Review status. As you know, the Initial Meeting of the Charter School Accountability Committee (CSAC) is scheduled for May 13, 2015 at 12:45 p.m. The purpose of the Formal Review process is to determine whether the school is violating the terms of its charter and, if so, whether to order remedial measures. Pursuant to Title 14, Delaware Code, Section 515(h), the Formal Review process could result in a number of possible outcomes:

- Revocation of the charter
- Placing the charter on probation
- No action

In light of the recent developments in the Superior Court action regarding Mosaica Education, Inc.'s writ of garnishment, there appears a real possibility that AOD will have to pay the judgement, severely weakening the school's financial viability. Unless AOD and Mosaica negotiate a compromise, AOD's payment of the judgement would likely place the school in sufficient financial distress to necessitate school closure.

The Charter School Office requests that Board members and counsel attend the May 13 CSAC Initial Meeting to address the litigation and the steps AOD has taken to pay this judgement. Additionally, to inform the CSAC discussion, please provide a written charter school closure protocol that complies with the requirements set forth in 14 *Del. C.* § 514(i) (see attached Charter School Closure Protocol) by Monday, May 11, 2015 at noon.

In addition, this week, the Department learned that there was an incident at AOD involving a teacher who committed an act of violence against a student. Please be prepared to provide additional information regarding the incident and the actions taken by the administration and the Board to address the issue.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (302) 735-4020 or Jennifer.Nagourney@doe.k12.de.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Nagourney', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Nagourney
Executive Director, Charter School Office

cc: Cheri Marshall, Head of School, Academy of Dover
Mark Murphy, Secretary of Education
David Blowman, Deputy Secretary of Education

Enclosure