

November 22, 2019

This is the School's response to the Charter School Accountability Committee's Initial Report dated November 8, 2019.

Initially we note that we think the Initial Report is a very accurate account of the initial meeting with the CSAC.

We wish to withdraw our request for a charter modification of our Mission Statement.

With respect to the discussion of the APEX Honors Program in the Initial Report, we wish to clarify that each APEX Scholar will be paired with a peer mentor at one of the participating independent schools and the APEX Scholar will attend classes with that peer mentor once a month. In addition it is noted that about half of the APEX Scholars attended EastSide last year but the other half were attracted from other schools to enroll in EastSide this year in order to participate in the APEX program.

We also would like to note that the "modified opinion" on our financial statements reflects that EastSide's Foundation is not aggregated with the School in the financial statements. The Foundation is only audited every 3 years or so to save an annual \$10,000 to \$15,000 in auditing fees. However, if the Foundation's financials were aggregated with the School's that would only improve the overall financial position of the School because of the Foundation's substantial cash balances and no debt. Prior year audits which do aggregate the Foundation and the School and which reflect this point have previously been filed with DOE.

Included in this transmittal are items requested on page 13-18

Organizational Performance:

- Educational Program Updates
  - o Theatre
  - o Visual Arts
  - o Social Studies email stating meet standard
- Staffing Plan to
  - o Stabilize Leadership
  - o Sample school leader eval template
  - o Mentor and induction of new leaders

Financial Performance



With regards to recommendations listed on page 18 we are going to make every effort to follow through with engaging in those meetings and professional developments.

Sincerely,



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CEO

