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Via email attachment and U.S. Mail

Mr. Josiah Wolcott
Board President
Odyssey Charter School
Building 20, Barley Mill Plaza
4319 Lancaster Pike
Wilmington, DE 19805

Dear Mr. Wolcott:

Please be advised that, for the reasons set forth below, the Delaware Department of Education (“the Department”) has placed the charter of Odyssey Charter School (“OCS”) on Formal Review, pursuant to Title 14, Delaware Code, Section 515(b), to determine whether the school is violating the terms of its charter or has failed to meet conditions placed upon its charter on July 22, 2019 and, if so, whether to order remedial measures.

Concerns were brought to the Department’s Charter School Office from school leaders, teachers, State Lawmakers, and community members regarding OCS’s governance and operations. As such, the Department of Education will place OCS under formal review for investigation into the following:

- **Failure to meet condition 1a; The majority of Board members are not members of the AHEPA Family organizations. (“AHEPA family” is understood to include the following organizations: AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athena, and Sons of Pericles), nor are they members of the immediate family of members of the AHEPA family organizations.**
 - As of February 10, 2020, the OCS Board is made up of nine individuals, five of whom are AHEPAn.

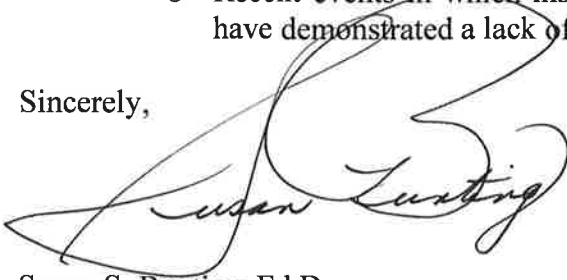
- **Failure to meet probation condition 1b; A nominating committee consisting of only the non-AHEPA Family board members nominates potential future non-AHEPA Family board members for the non-AHEPA Family board member vacancies and appoints them through a fair and transparent nomination/selection process.**
 - As of February 10, 2020 there has been no plan submitted to the DOE to address this condition.

- **Violation of 14 Del. C. § 512(15): “The school shall have a satisfactory plan to ensure the effectiveness of its board of trustees....”.**

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- Recent events in which insensitive remarks were made at a Board meeting have demonstrated a lack of effectiveness on the part of the OCS Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan S. Bunting". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D.
Secretary of Education

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