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Mr. Gregory Meece, School Director  
Newark Charter School  
2001 Patriot Way  
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Dear Mr. Meece:

Thank you for your May 30, 2012 submission of a revised outreach plan in response to the conditioned approval of Newark Charter School's charter modification request. After careful review of the updated plan, I have determined that it incorporates the changes I requested and will enable the Department to evaluate whether implementation of the plan is effective. The updated outreach plan is approved.

Our understanding is that the enrollment "targets" set forth in your Outreach Plan are intended to be used by the school's Board of Directors only to assess the effectiveness of the Outreach Plan on an annual basis and to provide data to revise the plan as necessary. We do not view the "targets" as enrollment quotas, but only as an expression of the school's desire to achieve greater racial diversity through the use of its Outreach Program. We recognize that the school's actual enrollment process must be non-discriminatory and that, in the case of over-enrollment, admission will ultimately be determined through the lottery process mandated by law.

If you have any questions, please contact John Carwell at 735-4020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lillian M. Lowery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "L" and "y".

Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D.  
Secretary of Education

Cc: Stephen Dressel, Chairman of the Board, Newark Charter School  
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