



Los Angeles Unified School District

Facilities Services Division



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION

September 28, 2012

Mr. Fred Weintraub

Office of the Independent Monitor

Modified Consent Decree

333 S. Beaudry Ave., 18th Floor

Los Angeles, CA. 90017

Re: Four (sample) Charter Schools

Dear Mr. Weintraub:

As the previous Chief of Facilities, Mr. Kelly Schmader, and the Office of the Independent Monitor had agreed upon, Facilities Access Compliance Unit (FACU) has engaged LADBS Inspections to survey four Charter schools. Stella Middle Charter and Camino Nuevo Charter Academy (2nd Site, 697 Burlington) were two existing schools in which LADBS signed off the Order to Comply (OTC). Also, College Ready Middle Academy #5 and College Ready High School #5 will be relocating their facilities to two new locations. As of September 10th, 2012, construction is on-going. Meanwhile, the Charters are not occupying the old locations which had open OTC's, instead they are occupying a temporary facility for the next few weeks until the new facilities are ready to be occupied.

FACU personnel arranged a visit to both Stella Middle Charter and Camino Nuevo Charter Academy to review the OTC's, which were issued by LADBS to the Independent Charters. It was determined that not all of the items within the OTC's were corrected, although signed off, however LADBS stated that they would re-engage the Charter schools to ensure that the ADA corrections still needed were resolved. In fact, when FACU revisited Stella Middle Charter, some of these corrections have since been resolved. It was noted that there were items that were signed off which had been previously completed, but due to vandalism such items may require continued maintenance from the Independent Charter.

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There are two Alliance for College Ready Schools (located at 4610 S Main St and 211 S. Ave 20). These are newly constructed facilities and have not yet been completed. FACU has visited each of these projects and has maintained communication with the General Contractor involved with the projects. FACU has identified minor corrections during our visits, and have advised the contractor of potential problems to avoid. FACU will verify these issues when we re-visit these facilities at substantial completion. These facilities should not require any further action once they have been constructed, and occupied.

While it does seem that LADBS did sign off some items which were non-compliant, it seems that LADBS Inspections has a willingness to resolve these outstanding issues. There were numerous items that were signed off legitimately that simply took communication with LADBS for FACU to understand. Additionally, FACU is encouraged by the CEO of Alliance for College Ready Schools, Linda Christenson, and the emphasis that she has placed on these Charters providing the necessary access for the students which attend these campuses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth M. Arrington".

Kenneth M. Arrington

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