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June 8, 2005

Dr. Nancy Snyder, Superintendent  
Duval County Public Schools  
1701 Prudential Drive  
Jacksonville, Florida 32207-8182

Dear Superintendent Snyder:

In response to a discussion at the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting on May 17, 2005, the Department of Education is researching significant violations of State Board of Education rules, or state or federal statutes, on the part of charter school sponsors. The Department requires your response to a violation against a charter school in your district in order to make recommendations to the State Board of Education at its June 21, 2005, meeting. The State Board of Education's objective is to help sponsors ensure that charter schools operate with both the autonomy and accountability provided by Florida's charter school law.

Please provide the Department with a written response, no later than June 14, 2005, to the following action which was not in compliance with requirements in Section 1002.33(8)(c), Florida Statutes.

- The Duval County School Board did not provide the 90-day notice of proposed charter non-renewal to Kreative Kids Youth Foundation, Inc.

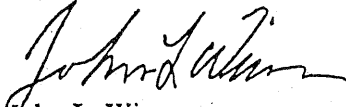
Your written response should include a clear description of the situation, supporting documentation, and actions taken to remedy this violation, as well as future concerns of this nature. In order for the Department to present to the State Board, please send your documentation to:

Dr. Paulette Mainwood, Policy Director  
Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice  
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 522  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

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We are eager to clear up this matter and to present a favorable report to the State Board of Education. Please contact Dr. Mainwood with any questions at [paulette.mainwood@fldoe.org](mailto:paulette.mainwood@fldoe.org). Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: School Board Chair

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Ms. Anna Cowin, Superintendent  
Lake County Public Schools  
201 W. Burleigh Boulevard  
Tavares, Florida 32778

Dear Superintendent Cowin:

In response to a discussion at the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting on May 17, 2005, the Department of Education is researching significant violations of State Board of Education rules, or state or federal statutes, on the part of charter school sponsors. The Department requires your response to a violation against a charter school in your district in order to make recommendations to the State Board of Education at its June 21, 2005, meeting. The State Board of Education's objective is to help sponsors ensure that charter schools operate with both the autonomy and accountability provided by Florida's charter school law.

Please provide the Department with a written response, no later than June 14, 2005, to the following action of the Lake County School Board which was not in compliance with requirements in Section 1002.33(6)(b)(3), Florida Statutes.

- Written good cause reasons for denial of the charter application were not provided in a timely manner to The Learning Curve, Inc.

Your written response should include a clear description of the situation, supporting documentation, and actions taken to remedy this violation, as well as future concerns of this nature. In order for the Department to present to the State Board, please send your documentation to:

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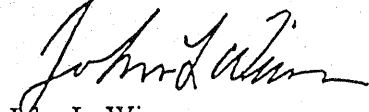
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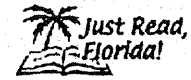
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June 9, 2005

Mr. Bill Delbrugge, Superintendent  
Flagler County Public Schools  
P.O. Box 755  
Bunnell, Florida 32110

Dear Superintendent Delbrugge:

In response to a discussion at the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting on May 17, 2005, the Department of Education is researching significant violations of State Board of Education rules, or state or federal statutes, on the part of charter school sponsors. The Department requires your response to a violation against three charter schools in your district in order to make recommendations to the State Board of Education at its June 21, 2005, meeting. The State Board of Education's objective is to help sponsors ensure that charter schools operate with both the autonomy and accountability provided by Florida's charter school law.

Please provide the Department with a written response, no later than June 14, 2005, to the following actions of the Flagler County School Board which were not in compliance with requirements in Section 1002.33(6)(b)(3), Florida Statutes.

- Written good cause reasons for denial of the charter application were not provided in a timely manner to Academies of Excellence Elementary School, Academies of Excellence Middle School, and Academies of Excellence High School.

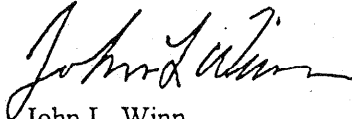
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June 8, 2005

Dr. Margaret A. Smith, Superintendent  
Volusia County Public Schools  
200 N. Clara Avenue  
Deland, Florida 32720

Dear Superintendent Smith:

In response to a discussion at the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting on May 17, 2005, the Department of Education is researching significant violations of State Board of Education rules, or state or federal statutes, on the part of charter school sponsors. The Department requires your response to a violation against three charter schools in your district in order to make recommendations to the State Board of Education at its June 21, 2005, meeting. The State Board of Education's objective is to help sponsors ensure that charter schools operate with both the autonomy and accountability provided by Florida's charter school law.

Please provide the Department with a written response, no later than June 14, 2005, to the following actions of the Volusia County School Board which were not in compliance with requirements in Section 1002.33(6)(b)(3), Florida Statutes.

- The denial letter of notification of the charter application to UCP of Central Florida did not provide specific reasons based upon good cause supporting denial, but referred to the review form and the school board meeting transcript.
- Written good cause reasons for denial of the charter application were not provided in a timely manner to Academies of Excellence Elementary School and Academies of Excellence Middle School.

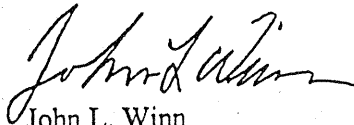
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