



Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. Durrell Laurent, Board President
Mr. Michael McKenzie, CEO
The Einstein Group Inc., d/b/a Einstein Charter Schools
4801 Maid Marion Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70128

Re: Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2- Failure to Complete State Standardized Testing

Dear Mr. Laurent and Mr. McKenzie:

I am writing to inform you that The Einstein Group (Einstein Charter Schools) is receiving this Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2 given that the organization is deemed non-compliant with its contractual obligations regarding state standardized testing.

Upon conversation with organization leadership on Thursday, June 13, 2019, it was communicated that students in grades 5-8 at three Einstein Charter School campuses (Sherwood Forest, Village de L'est and Einstein Middle at Sarah T. Reed) did not complete the state LEAP assessment for Social Studies. It was confirmed in a meeting with Einstein board and administration leadership on June 25, 2019, that students in grades 5-8 at three campuses were not coded as having completed the state LEAP assessment for Social Studies.

Pursuant to Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) Policy HB, charter schools shall participate fully in the Louisiana standardized testing and accountability programs, including the administration of all required state assessments. Social Studies is a required component of the Louisiana standardized testing as indicated in BESE Bulletin 118.

Given that the organization failed to comply with OPSB and BESE policy as well as the law pertaining to required state assessments, the organization is officially deemed non-compliant with its contractual and legal obligations. To address this issue of non-compliance, Einstein Charter Schools is hereby required to abide by the following remedies:

1. Einstein shall confer with the Louisiana Department of Education to determine the appropriate actions necessary to address any penalties that may impact teachers for failure to administer the Social Studies LEAP assessment by July 19, 2019.
2. Einstein shall provide the OPSB with a written summary and action plan of the above remedy by July 26, 2019.
3. Einstein shall submit a detailed testing schedule to OPSB of all administered assessments no later than January 17, 2020.
4. Einstein shall submit to OPSB verification of participation in the Louisiana Department of Education Assessment webinars for ACT, LEAP 2025, LEAP Connect and ELPT

Cc: Dr. Henderson Lewis Jr., Superintendent



testing by the District Testing Coordinator and staff members of all four campuses assigned to testing oversight no later than January 30, 2020.

5. Einstein shall submit to OPSB verification of a contract for a total of two days of test monitoring using the LDOE approved test monitoring vendor for all campuses during the 2019-2020 school year no later than January 30, 2020.

We look forward to your compliance by the determined timelines in this correspondence. Failure to respond to these remedies may result in escalated consequences, including, but not limited to additional intervention, reduction of charter term upon renewal, or revocation of your charter contracts with OPSB.

Please contact Danalyn Hypolite at dhypolite@opsb.us with any questions that you may have regarding this matter.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelli Peterson".

Kelli R. Peterson, Ed.D

Senior Equity and Accountability Officer, OPSB