



June 25, 2019

Mr. Raphael Gang, Board President  
Mr. Kevin George, CEO  
New Beginnings School Foundation  
5800 St. Roch Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

Re: Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2: Contractual Obligations- Additional Remedy Actions

Dear Mr. Gang and Mr. George:

Pursuant to the Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2, issued on June 7, 2019 this communication is to communicate additional remedy actions required by New Beginnings School Foundation. The Level 2 Notice is to remain open until NBSF is deemed compliant. Additionally, while the investigations (OPSB's internal investigation and NBSF's external investigations) remain open and ongoing, the Level 2 Notice is to also remain open and is subject to revisions as allegations are confirmed or additional facts arise.

On Thursday, June 20, 2019, the OPSB requested the following additional documentation to be provided:

1. NBSF Business Rules utilized by the LDOE for verification purposes
2. Louisiana Department of Education Verification Approval Email
3. Finalized student specific prescriptions for each senior
4. Written correspondence inclusive of any changes, remedies, and plan for the 19-20 school year, specifically:
  - a. Financial Adjustments/Savings/Expenses
  - b. Credit Recovery Program and Plan
  - c. Organizational Chart (network and school specific)
5. Louisiana Department of Education Report Re: John F. Kennedy

On Friday, June 21, 2019, the OPSB was in receipt of the following submissions:

1. NBSF Business Rules utilized by the LDOE for verification purposes
2. Louisiana Department of Education Verification Approval Email
3. Finalized student specific prescriptions for each senior

Please note items # 4 and #5 are still outstanding, along with outstanding requests from previous communications. Item #4 shall be submitted no later July 12, 2019. At this time, we are instituting the following immediate actions to ensure impacted students receive necessary remedies to successfully meet Louisiana graduation requirements.

1. NBSF shall provide senior students attending summer school with a weekly progress report inclusive of their weekly attendance, progress towards graduation requirements.

CC: Dr. Henderson Lewis, Superintendent, Orleans Parish School Board



2. NBSF shall submit a weekly summary report to OPSB inclusive of attendance reports, student level progress towards graduation, interventions offered to students not progressing, and communication to families on student level progress.
3. NBSF shall meet with OPSB staff weekly to review the progress of impacted senior students.
4. NBSF shall submit individualized plans for any senior student that does not successfully complete the graduation requirements during the summer session.
5. NBSF shall hold two separate parent meetings; one for John F. Kennedy parents and one for Pierre Capdau parents during the week of July 8<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to provide organizational updates and school-level changes. Additionally, the meeting at John F. Kennedy shall inform parents of the plan to audit files of rising 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.
6. NBSF shall complete the audit of rising senior files by July 31, 2019 and subsequently provide OPSB with the results of the audit and prescriptions for each individual student.

At this time, given the documented non-compliance and seriousness of the allegations currently under review, OPSB is requiring that NBSF immediately adhere to this set of actions.

Additionally, OPSB will continue to have staff on-site monitor and observe how NBSF, its staff, and contractors validate student records in accordance with expectations and requirements set forth by the LDOE. OPSB staff, per the operating agreement, shall be granted access to all NBSF systems and files and will conduct audits as deemed necessary and additional oversight actions may be taken at all NBSF school sites.

As OPSB continues to stay engaged in this very serious matter, I will continue to monitor this situation and update New Beginnings Schools Foundation should any additional action be necessary. As always, thank you for your continued cooperation throughout this matter. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Education,

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

Kelli Peterson, Ed.D.

Senior Equity and Accountability Officer