



August 28, 2014

Donald Hense
Chairman
Friendship Public Charter School
120 Q Street, NE, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20002

Re: FFY 2012 LEA Determination: Revision of Determination Level

Dear Mr. Hense:

As you are aware, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) requires the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) as the State educational agency (SEA) to make determinations annually about the performance of local educational agencies (LEAs). OSSE is required to use the same categories that the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) uses for state determinations as outlined in Section 616(d) of IDEA.

On August 21, 2014, OSSE issued FFY 2012 Part B IDEA determination letters for all LEAs in the District of Columbia and extended a 30 calendar day appeal period. In response to an LEA's inquiry regarding underlying data related to Element 8, timely correction of noncompliance, OSSE reviewed and recalculated this element across LEAs to ensure accuracy. As a result of this review, it was determined that your LEA's results for this element required revision. Accordingly, we are providing you with an updated Enclosure 2 (attached).

OSSE has determined that, in accordance with the scoring rubric referenced in Enclosure 1, the overall determination level for Friendship PCS has risen to **Meets Requirements**. To ensure that the LEA maintains this determination status, OSSE encourages the LEA to continue to focus on improvement efforts and to take advantage of technical assistance opportunities offered by OSSE. Information regarding OSSE's technical assistance programming is available through OSSE's weekly LEA Look Forward or by contacting OSSE's Training and Technical Assistance office at osse.tta@dc.gov.

Please contact Dr. Jennifer Masoodi at jennifer.masoodi@dc.gov or 202-741-0479 if you have questions or concerns about your determination after reviewing this information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)

cc: Jennifer Masoodi, Director, Specialized Education Monitoring & Compliance