

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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Mr. Sandy Stewart
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SENT VIA EMAIL: s_stewart@frontiernet.net

Dear Mr. Stewart:

At the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools ("Board") meeting held on Monday, July 9, 2012, and in conjunction with passing a motion to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter of Founding Fathers Academies, Inc. ("Charter Operator"), the Board passed a motion to withhold 10% of the Charter Operator's monthly state aid apportionment for the Charter Operator's failure to provide a learning environment that improves pupil achievement and for failure to comply with laws related to the education of students with disabilities. A copy of the Notice of Intent to Revoke and Notice of Hearing related to the Charter Operator's failure to provide a learning environment that will improve pupil achievement in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-181(A) and failure to comply with laws related to the education of students with disabilities in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-183(E)(7) will be forthcoming.

The 10% withholding will begin with the August payment and continue until such time as the Charter Operator submits a corrective action plan that includes all of the following:

- Submission of performance management plan components previously not included with the initial submission, including:
 - A narrative that provides a detailed description of all previous improvement efforts to improve pupil achievement conducted by the school in the past five years; a detailed description of the process used for conducting an analysis of relevant pupil achievement data; findings from the data analysis; and, a detailed description of how the plan that is presented is directly linked to the findings from the data analysis.
 - A completed "Evidence" section for each action step in the previously submitted math and reading templates. Information listed may later be requested by the Board or submitted by the Charter Operator in conjunction with the annual report as evidence that the action steps have been accomplished.
- Satisfactory close-out of the Corrective Action Plan as required by ADE's Exceptional Student Services Division.

"To improve public education in Arizona by sponsoring charter schools that provide quality educational choices."

Once the corrective action plan has been submitted, it will be reviewed and you will be notified if it meets the requirements of A.R.S. § 15-185(H) and those outlined above.

Please note that the Board's processes for five year interval reviews and charter renewal include historical financial, contractual and legal compliance. Therefore, actions taken by the Board, such as withholding 10% of a Charter Operator's monthly state aid apportionment, will be considered by the Board and may adversely affect the Board's decision regarding a Charter Operator's request for charter renewal.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (602)364-3083.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martha" and last name "Morgan" clearly legible.

Martha Morgan
Director of Charter Accountability