

November 19, 2012

Mr. Steve Holland

Governing Board Chairman, Odyssey School

2. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2068(a)(2)(D) - A violation of applicable federal, state, or local laws or court orders
 - As demonstrated by the November 19, 2012 Monitoring Report and the Department's letters dated June 1, 2012, July 6, 2012, and August 7, 2012, Odyssey has repeatedly failed to comply with various provisions of IDEA;
3. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2068(a)(2)(E) - The existence of competent substantial evidence that the continued operation of the charter school...would be contrary to the best interests of students...
 - Odyssey's repeated failure to provide services for students with disabilities in compliance with IDEA presents as evidence that the operation of the school is not in the best interest of students; and
4. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2068(a)(2)(F) - A failure to comply with any provision of Code Section 20-2-2065
 - Odyssey has failed to comply with O.C.G.A. 20-2-2065(5) which requires that charter schools be "[s]ubject to all federal...rules, regulations...and statutes relating to civil rights..." by their repeated failure to provide services for students with disabilities in compliance with IDEA.

The Charter Schools Division regrets that Odyssey/GCA has been unable to resolve these matters in a timely fashion. As stated above, we will await the results of the February 2013 monitoring visit before formally initiating charter termination.

To prepare parents for the contingency of GCA's failure to achieve required compliance, we request that you prepare and submit to our office no later than March 8, 2013 a closing plan designed to notify parents of the school's closure in a timely fashion and assist students in enrolling elsewhere in an orderly and non-disruptive manner before the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,



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