

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Los Angeles Unified School District

Office of the Superintendent

INFORMATIVE

TO: Members, Board of Education
Austin Beutner, Superintendent

DATE: September 23, 2019

FROM: Megan K. Reilly, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON COLLECTION OF REIMBURSEMENTS AMOUNTS FROM
CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR OVER-ALLOCATED SPACE**

This informative provides a summary of the over-allocation reimbursement invoices that have been sent to 41 charter schools. These invoices cover the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 school years.

In brief summary:

- Starting this month, each charter school that still owes over-allocation reimbursements from any of the past three (3) school years has been sent an invoice from the District. Each invoice describes the specific amount owed by the charter school, includes a clear explanation of how it was calculated according to the regulatory formula, and provides payment instructions.
- On September 11, 2019, an initial batch of the six (6) invoices was sent to three (3) charter schools. Renewal petitions for these three (3) charter schools are being considered by the Board tomorrow. In response, one of these charter schools – Libertas College Prep – has already paid its full over-allocation reimbursement amount of \$58,205. District staff has followed up with personal contacts to the other two (2) charter schools in efforts to obtain payment. We will continue to follow up.
- Within the past few days, 58 additional invoices were sent to the 38 remaining charter schools that had over-allocated space for any of the past three (3) school years. Staff will pursue all appropriate dispute resolution procedures to recoup these payments, if necessary.
- Earlier this month, the District also sent its latest over-allocation reminders to charter schools occupying Prop. 39 space in the current school year, reiterating their legal obligations to report if they have over-allocated space. In response, one charter school (Collegiate Charter High School Los Angeles) notified the District that it has over-allocated space at Belvedere Middle School and would like to return three (3) teaching stations (classrooms) to the District for the rest of the current school year.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Attachments: Charter School Over-Allocation Summary
Electronic File with Invoices Sent to Charter Schools

c: Dave Holmquist
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Charter School Over Allocation Summary

#	A/B	CHARTER SCHOOL	ANNUAL OVER ALLOCATION			COMMENTS
			FY2018-19	FY2017-18	FY2016-17	
1	B	Animo Florence Firestone (Animo Charter Middle School #8)	58,945.26	-	59,814.72	
2	A	Bert Corona Charter High School (YPI Valley Public Charter School)	74,024.28	87,700.55	37,175.04	
3	B	Citizens of the World - Mar Vista	190,864.57	-	-	
4	B	Citizens of the World - Silver Lake	286,888.30	332,279.15	-	
5	A	Citizens of the World Charter School Hollywood	-	67,484.20	89,399.52	
6	B	Clemente Charter School	-	236,473.47	100,658.88	
7	B	Collegiate Charter High School of Los Angeles	197,751.84	123,817.40	181,460.16	
8	B	Crenshaw Arts/Tech Charter High, CATCH	-	-	197,598.24	
9	B	Excelencia Charter Academy	114,795.12	-	-	
10	B	Extera Public School	85,322.49	91,149.10	-	
11	B	Extera Public School #2	70,984.15	-	38,324.16	
12	B	Gabriella Charter School 2	-	26,266.80	-	
13	B	Girls Athletic Leadership School	-	-	40,985.28	
14	B	Global Education Academy 2	124,435.08	69,549.20	-	
15	B	Global Education Academy Middle School	-	153,739.25	-	School closed 6-30-2018
16	B	Goethe International Charter School	235,781.04	151,953.02	188,989.92	
17	B	High Tech Los Angeles MS	31,617.30	-	-	
18	B	ICEF Vista Elementary Charter Academy	39,853.27	-	-	
19	B	Ingenium Charter Middle School	68,342.01	-	26,873.28	
20	B	Ingenium Charter School	-	105,975.80	99,237.60	
21	B	ISANA Octavia Charter School	-	-	88,552.80	
22	B	ISANA Palmati Charter School	144,168.25	-	56,296.80	
23	B	KIPP Ignite	48,487.23	-	-	
24	B	KIPP K-8/Corazon	52,953.45	-	-	
25	A	Libertas College Prep	58,204.57	-	-	Paid - \$58,204.57
26	B	Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts	147,252.60	-	-	
27	B	Lou Dantzer Preparatory Charter Elementary School	-	-	57,476.16	School closed 6-30-2018
28						School closed 6-30-2017. Currently authorized by LACOE
	B	Magnolia Science Academy 3	-	84,788.90	159,717.60	
29	B	Magnolia Science Academy 4	-	-	219,663.36	
30	B	Magnolia Science Academy 5	37,111.63	-	26,651.52	School closed 6-30-2018
31	B	New Los Angeles Charter Elementary School	53,926.29	-	-	
32	B	New Millennium Secondary School	-	-	28,425.60	
33	B	Pathways Community School	-	77,189.70	-	School closed 6-30-2018
34	B	Prepa Tec Los Angeles High	-	28,414.40	-	
35	B	Resolute Academy	68,154.07	26,401.02	33,828.48	
36	B	Stella Elementary Charter Academy	72,122.82	-	-	
37	B	Summit Preparatory Charter School	-	82,909.75	-	
38	B	USC College Prep Orange Campus Charter School (Esperanza)	75,129.78	91,169.75	-	
39	B	Valley International Preparatory High School	283,019.05	-	-	
40	B	Watts Learning Center Middle School	191,008.29	-	75,358.08	
41	B	WISH Academy High School	196,005.15	125,221.60	-	
Total Over Allocation by Year			\$3,007,147.89	\$1,962,483.06	\$1,806,487.20	

- A Invoice Letter Notification dated Sept. 11, 2019
- B Invoice Letter Notification dated Sept. 20, 2019

From: [Cole-Gutierrez, Jose](#)
To: [Nadia Shaiq](#)
Cc: [Perry, Robert](#); [Di Paola, Kathleen](#); [Robinson, James](#)
Subject: RE: ISANA Octavia
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 11:58:00 AM

Ms. Shaiq,

Thank you for speaking with Dr. Perry and me to explore various resolution options and for your email commitment to remit full payment for the over-allocation reimbursement amount for ISANA Octavia Academy noted by LAUSD in the letter dated September 20, 2019 (letter under the name Celerity Octavia).

As discussed, we appreciate your responsiveness and also reiterate the importance of following the organization's board-approved policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

José

José Cole-Gutiérrez
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Charter Schools Division Mission:

The LAUSD Charter Schools Division fosters high quality educational opportunities and outcomes for students in the greater Los Angeles community through exemplary charter public school authorizing, oversight, and sharing of promising practices so that all students maximize their potential.

From: Nadia Shaiq <[REDACTED]@isanaacademies.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 11:48 AM
To: Di Paola, Kathleen <[REDACTED]@lausd.net>
Cc: Cole-Gutierrez, Jose <[REDACTED]@lausd.net>; Perry, Robert <[REDACTED]@lausd.net>
Subject: ISANA Octavia

Hi Kathleen,

We just received and acknowledge a phone call from Jose Cole Gutierrez, informing us that they had just received a letter that ISANA Octavia Academy owes around \$88,000 in overallocation from the 2016-17 school year, and asking if we could us bring a check for that amount to the LAUSD Board meeting at 1pm today.

We are more than happy and intend to pay anything owed to the District in full in a timely manner. However, we just received the invoice yesterday, not even 24 hours ago, for an overallocation from 3 years ago, with a due date of 20 days. Our Board-approved fiscal policies and procedures mandate that we first review invoices and go through the proper authorization channels to issue a check of this magnitude.

We cannot circumvent our board-approved fiscal policies and procedures in order to bring a check for \$88K to today's meeting. However, we intend to pay the amount owed to the

District in full as soon as we can go through our Board-approved process.

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DATE: September 24, 2019

TO: Members, Board of Education
Austin Beutner, Superintendent

FROM: Megan Reilly, Deputy Superintendent



SUBJECT: ISANA OCTAVIA CHARTER SCHOOL & COLLECTION OF REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT FOR OVER-ALLOCATED SPACE

This Informative serves to provide the Board an important update regarding the renewal of the charter for ISANA Octavia Charter School (ISANA Octavia), scheduled for action at today's Board meeting.

In the file of over-allocation letters shared with the Board yesterday, you will note that on September 20, 2019, Celerity Octavia received a letter for over-allocation reimbursement in the amount of \$88,552.80 from the 2016-2017 school year. However, in August of 2019, the organization formally changed its name to ISANA Octavia and was therefore not initially identified.

Staff has communicated with the Chief Executive Officer of the organization, Ms. Nadia Shaiq. She has communicated in writing this morning that the school will pay the full amount owed. Please see a copy of the email attached.

We apologize for this inconvenience. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Attachments: Email regarding ISANA Octavia

c: Pedro Salcido
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