



# Orleans Parish School Board

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Mr. Victor Gordon  
Advocates for Innovative Schools, Inc.  
Robert Russo Moton Charter School  
3774 Gentilly Blvd.  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

Dear Mr. Gordon:

As discussed in our meeting last week, we have completed our review of the documentation on file regarding allegations of cheating by Robert Russo Moton Charter School (Moton) during the Spring 2011 test administration.

In early 2012, the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) received complaints alleging four areas of test administration violations and/or cheating. In response to these complaints OPSB conducted an investigation and in May 2012 reported to Louisiana Department of Education personnel that there was no evidence to support allegations in three of the four areas cited. In one area, OPSB reported that "based on information gathered from the sample population, it appears that students within this sample were provided access to the writing prompt." Our review of the file documentation did not reveal any substantive evidence to support this allegation.

The Moton Charter Board, in the interest of addressing the allegations, agreed to take additional steps requested by OPSB for test security and administration. These requirements were fully implemented in the Spring 2013 testing cycle.

OPSB appreciates the support of the Moton administration and charter board in proactively addressing this issue and bringing it to a close. It should be noted that the test scores for Moton Charter School were never invalidated by OPSB or LDE. The scores stand as originally recorded for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 testing cycles.

Sincerely,

Stanley C. Smith  
Interim Superintendent

- c: Bill Morrison, Accountability - LDOE
- Paulette Bruno, Principal – Moton Charter School
- Dr. Rosalynne B. Dennis, Chief Academic Officer – OPSB
- Kathleen Padian, Deputy Superintendent of Charter School Operations – OPSB
- Edward Morris, General Counsel – OSPB
- Bridget Brown, Accountability Coordinator - OPSB

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