



December 3, 2014

School Leader
Amandla Charter High School
6800 S Stewart Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60621

Dear School Leader:

Our collective goal at Chicago Public Schools is to provide every child from every neighborhood with access to a high-quality education that prepares them for success in college, career and life. As a dedicated school leader at Amandla Charter High School, I know you are working day in and day out to support your students, teachers and school community to ensure each child is receiving the quality education they deserve. By understanding where our schools are making progress and where they are meeting challenges, we can effectively work together to ensure our students are learning and the District succeeds.

As Chicago Public School students continue to raise the bar for academic excellence, the District is implementing a new accountability system to more accurately assess the quality of our schools and allocate supports to put all schools in the best position to succeed.

The new "School Quality Rating Policy," or SQRP, is a more thoughtful and thorough accounting system that relies on several factors and provides a common measuring stick for schools across the District.

SQRP results from School Year 2013-2014 have been calculated, and they confirm that many schools have made progress toward achieving the District's goals.

Based on criteria established through the School Quality Rating Policy (14-1119-PO1), **Amandla Charter High School** has achieved a rating of **Level 3**. As a result of this rating and other criteria established in the SQRP, **Amandla Charter High School's** contractual academic status for School Year 2014-2015 is **Failing to Meet Standards or Make Reasonable Progress**.

Your campus SQRP 2014-2015 summary is attached to this letter. This summary includes the campus score for each metric and the SQRP points received. The second page of the summary contains a legend that explains the policy's scoring methodology. More information on the CPS SQRP can be found online (<http://cps.edu/Performance/Pages/PerformancePolicy.aspx>). If you have any questions about your campus rating, please contact either Claire Henderson at cehenderson3@cps.edu and (773) 553-1537 or the Office of Accountability at (773) 553-4444.

The criteria to be placed on the Academic Warning List and begin the Revocation Process is set at "Failing to Meet Standards or Make Reasonable Progress", equivalent to a Level 3 rating for campuses contractually held to the SQRP. **Your campus, Amandla Charter High School, has met the above criteria and will be on the 2014-15 Academic Warning List and begin the Revocation Process.** In accordance with Illinois School Code [105 ILCS 5/27 A-9, Sec. 27A-9(c)], when a charter school or campus has "Failed to Meet or Make Reasonable Progress," it becomes eligible for revocation.

To be removed from the Academic Warning List and exit the Revocation Process, your school must not receive a "Level 3" designation as measured on the SQRP based on SY2014-2015 data, as evaluated in SY2015-2016.

Below please find the anticipated timeline for years one and two of the Academic Revocation Process.

Timeline: Year 1

November 2014- The 2014-15 Academic Warning List is announced.

December 2014- Innovation and Incubation will schedule a meeting with your school to review the Academic Warning List and Revocation Process criteria and timeline.

After this meeting, you are required to notify your school's Board of Directors of the school's Warning List designation and that the Revocation Process has begun. You are strongly encouraged to also notify families, financial partners, teachers, and other community.

January 5, 2014- The attached remediation plan or an alternative must be submitted to Claire Henderson (cehenderson3@cps.edu) by this date. This plan should include the steps that your school has taken and will take over the next year to meet the above exit criteria.

Winter and Spring 2014- Your school implements the remediation plan.

Timeline: Year 2

Fall 2015- SY2014-2015 academic data is reviewed and a contractual rating for SY2015-2016 is calculated. If your school has met the exit criteria, no further action is needed. If your school has not met the exit criteria, I&I anticipates recommending revocation or campus closure to the CPS Board of Education in February 2015.

No later than December 1, 2015- Those schools whose charters are being revoked or campuses are being closed are publicly announced.

No later than February 2016- The Chicago Board of Education may vote on final revocation decisions.

I look forward to working with you and your school community as you undertake the continued work of school improvement. I know this work can be challenging, but I trust that our common goal of student success is achievable and absolutely critical to the lives of our students.

Sincerely,



Jack Elsey
Chief of Innovation and Incubation

Enclosures