



New York Center for Autism  
Charter School

October 30, 2009

Dear Mr. Duffy,

On behalf of the NYCA Charter School, I would like to thank you and your colleagues for the thoughtful and comprehensive Renewal report sent to us on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are just a few small points contained within the report that require correction:

1. On page 6, paragraph 4, line 3, the report indicates that I served as Executive Director for the 2008-2009 school year. Technically, I assumed the role in January, 2009.
2. On page 9, table rows 2 and 3, the year indicated is 5 when, in fact, it was year 4.
3. On page 13, paragraph 2, line 3 and page 33, paragraph 5, line 4, it indicates that our liquid assets are over 3 million when, in fact, they are just under 1 million.
4. On page 26, paragraph 2, 4<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom there is a reference to our research work being linked to Hunter College. That is actually not the case at this point. Given NYCA's involvement with Hunter College, there may be opportunities for the NYCA Charter School to collaborate with them in the future. However, there has been no official relationship or collaboration to date.
5. On page 31, paragraph 3, line 4, there is reference to a "chief education officer" rather than "chief financial officer".
6. On page 33, paragraph 4, line 2 it references the fact that "*most* adopted policies are being enforced properly". In my mind that implies that some are not and, if that is the case, I would like more specifics so that my team can ensure greater compliance.
7. On page 34, paragraph 2 there is a recommendation that we aim for a 90% response rate by parents on the Learning Environment Survey. At the time we submitted the retrospective portion of the Renewal application, the 2008-2009 LES results were not yet published. We have since learned that the NYCA Charter School's 2008-09 parent response rate was 88%, up from 62% the prior year. We anticipate an even higher response rate in 2009-10, and believe we can reach this goal by delivering the surveys to parents in person rather than by mail.

Again, thank you so much for your feedback and ongoing support for the work being done at the NYCA Charter School. Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information on this response, or as you review the prospective portion of the Renewal application.

Sincerely,

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