



April 20, 2010

Dr. Lois Williams

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Dear Dr. Williams:

The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (“Board”) has completed the 2010 Application Review Cycle process. I regret to inform you that at its public meeting held April 19, 2010, the Board did not approve your application to establish Bertha B. Williams Academy as a public charter school in the District of Columbia. In general, the Board felt that your application was deficient in the following ways:

- Lack of fiscal and regulatory requirements for operating a public charter school
- Limited understanding of critical areas of governance and administrative models
- Lack of strategic planning in performance monitoring and accountability measures

We recognize the hard work and effort that went into the development of your application. Board staff will contact you soon to arrange a debriefing to provide you with specific feedback concerning the technical quality of your petition. This feedback can be useful should you decide to revise your application for submission in upcoming review cycles.

Thank you for your interest in public charter schools and your commitment to improving public education in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

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Brian Jones
Chair