



March 7, 2016

Dear Superintendent and CEO:

On January 8, 2016, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Department) notified charter schools and school districts that it would no longer be performing an end-of-year reconciliation process. However, prior to issuing this notification, the Department received documentation from charter schools for the 2014-2015 school year. As a result, the Department is providing school districts with the information received prior to January 8, 2016. One or more charter schools have prepared the enclosed report(s) related to payments made and the amount claimed to be due for students enrolled during the 2014-2015 school year.

As indicated in its previous communication, the Department will not be withholding funds related to the documentation submitted by charter schools because there are no 2014-15 funds from which to withhold. This matter will proceed to an administrative hearing as prescribed by *Chester Community Charter School v. Department of Education*, 44 A.3d 715 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2012).

As a result of the record established through the administrative hearing process, the Secretary will then issue a decision. Since there are no 2014-15 funds from which to withhold, the manner in which funds are paid based on the Secretary's decision will be decided by the respective charter school and school district.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ra-CSFunding@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin T. Hanft".

Benjamin T. Hanft, Chief
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Enclosure