

February 5, 2009

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Dear Mr. Montes de Oca,

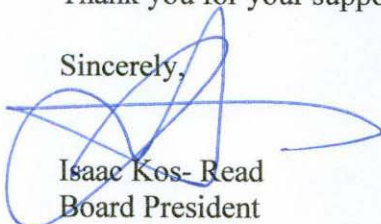
This letter is to inform you that at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Dolores Huerta Learning Academy held on February 3, 2009 it was decided that the school would not pursue charter renewal. This decision was not taken lightly and we tried to be sensitive to the needs of all of the constituents of the DHLA community. However, when we took into account the most important constituents, the students, we felt that it was their best interest that should be primary in our decision. We are aware for various reasons and challenges, there are areas of our current charter that we did not successfully meet and based upon the changing needs of the community and our current state, we could not guarantee a model for consistent future success.

However, we believe that Dolores Huerta Learning Academy has met some fundamental needs of its local community. Therefore it is our desire to support our students and families to transition to existing schools that meet their needs and/or to see a new school in the community that will not only meet their needs but also give them the best educational opportunities.

We appreciate the courtesy and consideration that the district has provided the school and our student families in creating a special window for the Oakland Unified School District Option Process. The extension of this courtesy is greatly appreciated. As we near the end of our current charter, our goal is to focus on the education of our children and to assist them, our families, and faculty and staff during our transition.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Isaac Kos-Read
Board President

P: CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSING

This section meets the requirements of Education Code §47605(5)(P), which requires:

A description of the procedures to be used if the charter school closes. The procedures shall ensure a final audit of the school to determine the disposition of all assets and liabilities of the charter school, including plans for disposing of any net assets and for the maintenance and transfer of pupil records.

If DHLA were to close, the following procedures would be followed to ensure an orderly closing of the school:

1. An independent educational consultant would be hired to collect, organize, and submit all student records to the District and/or the school that receives the students.
2. An independent auditor would be hired to catalogue all assets and determine the extent of liabilities of the school. The auditor would also perform a final audit of the school's finances.
3. The school lawyer would pay down all liabilities and transfer all remaining assets, as allowable by law, to another non-profit educational institution, as directed by the Board of Directors of the school.

Additional policies and procedures will be determined as needed by the Board of Directors.