



# THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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March 18, 2014

## RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dr. Norman Johnson, Governing Board Chair  
539 Centennial Lane  
Atlanta, GA 30313

### RE: Notice of Proposed Termination of Charter School Agreement

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have been advised that your charter school is in breach of the Charter School Agreement existing between it and The School Board of Broward County, Florida. The breach of contract is described hereinafter:

- The School unilaterally changed location of the charter school without informing the Sponsor.
- The School has failed to secure a valid certificate of occupancy for the unauthorized facility which is located at 2230 N.W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311.

The Sponsor has repeatedly requested documentation to demonstrate that a valid certificate of occupancy exists for the unauthorized location to be used as an educational facility. On January 17, 2014, The Red Shoe, Inc., d/b/a Urban Academy, on behalf of the Obama Academy for Boys – 5431, presented some facility documentation to the District staff. Upon review of that documentation District staff, in coordination with the Broward County Child Care Licensing and Enforcement Division, determined that the site lacked a certificate of occupancy for an educational institution, but instead only possessed a certification of occupancy for a day care center.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, has authorized me to notify The Red Shoe, Inc., d/b/a Urban Academy, of our intention to terminate the Charter School Agreement. An executive summary is attached to this notification which provides in reasonable detail the grounds for the termination. The termination item shall be placed on a subsequent agenda for Board approval at least ninety (90) days from this date.

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Per Section 1002.33(8)(b), Florida Statutes, you may request a hearing within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of this letter. The hearing shall be conducted at the Sponsor's election.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, has recommended any hearing process be conducted under the Division of Administrative Hearings that is available under Section 1002.33(8)(b)(2), Florida Statutes, in the event that a hearing should be required.

If you have any questions, please call Jody Perry, Director, Charter Schools Management/Support Department at 754-321-2135. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools

RWR/LMB/JP/RS:jc

cc: Ms. Leslie M. Brown, Chief Portfolio Officer, Portfolio Services  
Mr. J. Paul Carland II, General Counsel  
Mr. Robert. P. Vignola, Deputy General Counsel  
Ms. Jody Perry, Director, Charter Schools Management/Support Department  
Ms. Rhonda Stephanik, Coordinator, Charter Schools Management/Support Department  
Mr. Corey Alston, Founder, The Red Shoe, Inc., d/b/a Urban Academy  
Governing Board Members of The Red Shoe, Inc., d/b/a Urban Academy  
Mr. Robert Martin, Principal, The Obama Academy for Boys – 5431  
Mr. Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, Florida Department of Education