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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 Schalter Retrievement 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 Red Shoe Charter School for Girls – 5434, 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 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 Red Shoe Charter School for Girls - 5434 Mr. Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, Florida Department of Education