

May 25,2007

Chas Anderson  
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Minnesota Department of Education  
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Dear Deputy Anderson,

I realize that the legislative session has kept you extremely busy for the past few weeks. But now that the session appears basically completed, perhaps you will have time to respond to some of the issues of our May 14, 2007 meeting.

You mentioned at this meeting that you would be checking into some of the items discussed, in particular who the individuals were that were complaining about BlueSky, their complaints, and who received them. Also, in regards to the department staff person stating that Dennis Perry has made "inappropriate remarks" and my request for a public apology to Dennis Perry.

We are checking into the issues involved with MARRS reporting as a term based program, course based program, independent study program, or project based program. We are also still expecting department staff to follow up with BlueSky on course academic standards and course offerings.

BlueSky is proceeding with authorization for a work base program with department staff. However, it is still our position that as a charter school we are not required to have departmental approval for this program, but we will work with department staff on this issue.

Finally, I believe the OLL issues have been resolved between Dennis Perry and Sharon Peck.

Thank you and I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Tom Ellis

cc: Eugene Piccolo