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June 19, 2017

Mr. Aaron Bass East Side Charter School 3000 North Claymont Street Wilmington, DE 19802

RE: Revised June 2017

LEA Determination Under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Dear Mr. Bass:

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to educating students with disabilities. We encourage you to use the information in this report to celebrate growth and identify opportunities for continued improvement.

Under the IDEA, the Department has a responsibility to review the data of local education agencies (LEAs) relating to targets identified in the State's Performance Plan (SPP) and to make annual determinations on LEA performance.

For FFY 2015, LEAs are receiving their annual determination based on a combination of the following compliance and results indicators:

• Compliance:

0	Indicator 4B	Significant Discrepancy in the Rate of Long-Term Suspensions and Expulsions of
		Students with Disabilities by Race/Ethnicity and Noncompliant Policies,
		Procedures, and Practices
0	Indicators 9 & 10	Disproportionate Representation Related to Identification
0	Indicator 11	Timely Initial Evaluations
0	Indicator 12	Early Childhood Transition from Part C to Part B
0	Indicator 13	Transition Planning in the IEP

Results:

0	Indicator 1	Graduate Rate
0	Indicator 2	Drop-Out Rate
0	Indicator 3B	Participation Rate in the State Assessment
0	Indicator 3C	Proficiency Rate on the State Assessment
0	Indicator 4A	Significant Discrepancy in the Rate of Long-Term Suspension and Expulsions of
		Students with Disabilities
0	Indicator 7	Early Childhood Outcomes: Positive Social-Emotional Skills, Acquisition and Use of Knowledge and Skills, and Use of Appropriate Behaviors

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Based on a review of your LEA's data, the Department has determined your LEA Needs Assistance in implementing the requirements of the IDEA.

Attached, please find an overview of the "IDEA General Supervision & Reporting Requirements" along with an explanation of how your LEA's determination was calculated. The response table provides the Department's analysis of the reported data, and identifies, by indicator, your LEA's status in meeting its targets.

Your Exceptional Children Resources liaison, Linda Smith, will be in contact with Ms. Katelyn Whelan to provide technical assistance and discuss next steps, including the development of a Corrective Action Plan. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me at (302) 735-4210 or maryann.mieczkowski@doe.k12.de.us.

Sincerely,

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IDEA General Supervision & Reporting Requirements

The Department's General Monitoring Duties Under the IDEA

By way of background, the IDEA requires the Department to monitor the implementation of Part B of the IDEA in the LEAs throughout the State, and to annually report to the public on the performance of the State and each LEA. The Department's monitoring activities must primarily focus on: (1) improving educational results and functional outcomes for all children with disabilities; and (2) ensuring that public agencies meet the program requirements of Part B, with a particular emphasis on the requirements most closely related to improving educational results for children with disabilities. The Department is responsible for monitoring LEAs using quantifiable indicators in certain priority areas, and for using qualitative indicators to allow an adequate measure of performance in each area. IDEA regulations outline the three priority areas as: (1) the provision of FAPE in the least restrictive environment; (2) the State's exercise of general supervision, including child find, effective monitoring, the use of resolution meetings, mediation, and a system of transition services; and (3) disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services, to the extent such representation is the result of inappropriate identification.

The State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Reports

The IDEA further requires the State to have a performance plan in place that evaluates the State's efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of Part B of the IDEA, and describes how the State will improve the implementation of Part B. As part of its State Performance Plan (SPP), the State must establish measurable and rigorous targets for various indicators under the three priority areas mentioned above. The SPP currently has seventeen indicators, and the State must report annually to the U.S. Department of Education on the performance of the State under the SPP.

In addition to its federal submission, the Department is responsible for reporting annually to the public on the performance of each LEA located in the State on the targets described in the SPP. On an annual basis, each LEA must use the targets established in the SPP, and the three priority areas mentioned above, to analyze and report on its local performance to the Department. In turn, the Department will review the LEA's performance and assign a determination level.

Based on the Department's analysis of data provided by each LEA, and information obtained through audits, monitoring visits, administrative complaints, due process proceedings, and any other publicly available information, the Department assigns one of the following determination levels: Meets the requirements and purposes of IDEA; Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of IDEA; or Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of IDEA.

Federal and state regulations addressing the SPP, APR, and the LEA's reporting obligations can be found at 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.600-602, 646 and 14 DE Admin Code §§ 927.1.0 through 8.0, and §§ 40.0 through 46.0.

FFY 2015 LEA Annual Determinations

FFY 2015 determinations were made based on a combination of the following compliance and results indicators:

• Compliance:

Indicator 4B Significant Discrepancy in the Rate of Long-Term Suspensions and Expulsions of Students with Disabilities by Race/Ethnicity and Noncompliant Policies, Procedures, and Practices
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		Students with Disabilities
0	Indicator 7	Early Childhood Outcomes: Positive Social-Emotional Skills, Acquisition and Use of Knowledge and Skills, and Use of Appropriate Behaviors

Meets Requirements	=	≥ 80% (compliance and results combined)	and	LEA may be engaged in a Corrective Action Plan.	and/or	If monitored on-site, LEA is engaged in Prong 1 or Prong 2 corrective action.
Needs Assistance	=	60% to 79% (compliance and results combined)	and/or	LEA is engaged in an Intervention Plan.	and/or	Outstanding Noncompliance from On- Site Monitoring (beyond 1 year)
Needs Intervention	=	≤ 59% (compliance and results combined)	and/or	LEA is engaged in a Compliance Agreement.	and/or	Outstanding Noncompliance from On- Site Monitoring (beyond 2 years)

Spring, 2017 LEA IDEA Annual Determination for FFY 2015 East Side Charter School

Compliance Indicators	Data From: (Time Period)	SPP Target 2015-2016	State Data	LEA Data	LEA Score	Possible Points
Indicator 4B: Significant Discrepancy in the Rates of Long-Term Suspensions and Expulsions of Students with Disabilities by Race/Ethnicity and Noncompliant Policies, Procedures, and Practices. Indicator 4B is based on school year 2014-2015 data with a Rate Ratio of 1.22.	2014-2015	Rate Ratio 1.22	Rate Ratio 1.22	Met Target	1	1
Indicator 9: Disproportionate Representation/All Disabilities	2015-2016	0.00%	0.00%	< 5%	1	1
Indicator 10: Disproportionate Representation/Specific Disabilities	2015-2016	0.00%	0.00%	< 5%	1	1
Indicator 11: Initial Evaluations Conducted Within Timeline	2015-2016	100.00%	97.01%	NA	NA	NA
Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition from Part C to Part B	2015-2016	100.00%	98.86%	NA	NA	NA
Indicator 13: Secondary Transition	2015-2016	100.00%	99.23%	> 95%	1	1

Results Indicators	Data From: (Time Period)	SPP Target 2015 - 2016	State Data	LEA Data	LEA Score	Possible Points
Indicator 1: Graduation Rate	2014-2015	71.40%	65.61%	NA	NA	NA
Indicator 2: Drop Out Rate	2014-2015	4.90%	3.25%	NA	NA	NA
Indicator 3B: Participation Rate-Math						
Grade 3		95.00%	97.98%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 4		95.00%	97.75%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 5	2015-2016	95.00%	97.09%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 6		95.00%	95.64%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 7	7	95.00%	95.77%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 8		95.00%	95.70%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 11		95.00%	90.44%	NA	NA	NA
Indicator 3B: Participation Rate-ELA						
Grade 3		95.00%	97.96%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 4		95.00%	97.74%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 5		95.00%	97.42%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 6	2015-2016	95.00%	95.96%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 7		95.00%	95.64%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 8		95.00%	95.11%	> 95%	1	1
Grade 11		95.00%	90.36%	NA	NA	NA

Results Indicators	Data From: (Time Period)	SPP Target 2015 - 2016	State Data	LEA Data	LEA Score	Possible Points
Indicator 3C: Proficiency Rate-Math						
Grade 3		22.10%	26.69%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 4		22.10%	19.72%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 5		22.10%	14.89%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 6	2015-2016	22.10%	12.24%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 7		22.10%	12.81%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 8		22.10%	12.29%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 11		22.10%	12.23%	NA	NA	NA
Indicator 3C: Proficiency Rate-ELA						
Grade 3		26.00%	24.67%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 4		26.00%	21.66%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 5		26.00%	23.87%	33.33%	1	1
Grade 6	2015-2016	26.00%	15.88%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 7		26.00%	16.51%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 8		26.00%	17.29%	< 5%	0	1
Grade 11		26.00%	18.03%	NA	NA	NA
Indicator 4A: Significant Discrepancy in the Rate of Long-Term Suspension and Explusions of Students with Disabilities. Indicator 4A is based on school year 2014-2015 data with a Rate Ratio of 1.22.	2014-2015	Rate Ratio 1.22	Rate Ratio 1.22	Met Target	1	1
7A. Early Childhood Outcomes- Positive Social/Emotional Skills						
Percent Increase Rate of Growth	2015-2016	87.40%	89.27%	NA	NA	NA
Percent Within Age Expectation	2015-2016	56.70%	51.47%	NA	NA	NA
7B. Early Childhood Outcomes-Acquisition and Use of Knowledge and Skills						
Percent Increase Rate of Growth	2015-2016	90.00%	85.60%	NA	NA	NA
Percent Within Age Expectation	2013-2010	51.80%	48.42%	NA	NA	NA
7C. Early Childhood Outcomes- Use of Appropriate Behaviors						
Percent Increase Rate of Growth	2015-2016	89.20%	86.91%	NA	NA	NA
Percent Within Age Expectation	2013-2016	65.20%	64.27%	NA	NA	NA

Determination Summary	
Compliance Indicators Score	4
Possible Points:	4
Results Indicators Score	14
Possible Points:	25
Score Total	18
Out of a Possible:	29
Percentage:	62.07%
Annual Determination	
Needs Assistance	

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LEA Data

Graduation Rate

Indicator 1School YearNumber EligibleNumber Graduated% SWD Who GraduatedState TargetMet Target?2014-2015NANANANA71.40%NA

Note: LEA did not have any graduates.

Drop-Out Rate

LEA Data

Indicator 2School YearNumber EnrolledNumber of Drop-Outs% SWD Who Dropped OutState TargetMet Target?2014-2015NANANANA4.90%NA

Note: NA - LEA did not have students ages 14-21

Participation Rate in the State Assessment

						LEA Data	State	
Indicator 3B	School Year	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Subject</u>	Number Eligible	Number Tested	% Tested	<u>Target</u>	Met Target?
	2015-2016	3	ELA	-	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	4	ELA	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	5	ELA	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	6	ELA	-	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	7	ELA	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	8	ELA	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	11	ELA	NA	NA	NA	95.00%	NA
	2015-2016	3	MATH	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	4	MATH	-	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	5	MATH	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	6	MATH	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	7	MATH	-	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	8	MATH	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	> 95%	95.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	11	MATH	NA	NA	NA	95.00%	NA
Note:	NA-LEA did not ha	ve students who	tested in that grad	de.				

Proficiency Rate	on the State Assessn	nent						
						LEA Data		
						% of SWD Meeting	State	
Indicator 3C	School Year	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Subject</u>	Number Tested	Number Meets	<u>Proficiency</u>	<u>Target</u>	Met Target?
	2015-2016	3	ELA	-	-	< 5%	26.00%	No
	2015-2016	4	ELA	-	-	< 5%	26.00%	No
	2015-2016	5	ELA	-	-	33.33%	26.00%	Yes
	2015-2016	6	ELA	-	-	< 5%	26.00%	No
	2015-2016	7	ELA	-	-	< 5%	26.00%	No
	2015-2016	8	ELA	-	-	< 5%	26.00%	No
	2015-2016	11	ELA	NA	NA	NA	26.00%	NA
	2015-2016	3	MATH	-	-	< 5%	22.10%	No
	2015-2016	4	MATH	-	-	< 5%	22.10%	No
	2015-2016	5	MATH	-	-	< 5%	22.10%	No
	2015-2016	6	MATH	-	-	< 5%	22.10%	No
	2015-2016	7	MATH	-	-	< 5%	22.10%	No
	2015-2016	8	MATH	-	-	< 5%	22.10%	No
	2015-2016	11	MATH	NA	NA	NA	22.10%	NA
Note:	NA-LEA did not h	ave students who	tested in that grad	de.				

Significant Discrepancy in the Rate of Long-Term Suspension and Explusions of Students with Disabilities. Indicator 4A is Based on School Year 2014-2015 Data with a Rate Ratio of 1.22.

			Non-SWD	SWD Suspended	Non-SWD Suspended >	LEA Data	State Target	
Indicator 4A	School Year	SWD Enrollment	<u>Enrollment</u>	> 10 Days	<u>10 Days</u>	Rate Ratio	Rate Ratio	Met Target?
	2014-2015	62	356	-	-	0.00	1.22	Yes

Note:

Significant Discrepancy in the Rate of Long-Term Suspensions and Expulsions of Students with Disabilities by Race/Ethnicity and Noncompliant Policies, Procedures, and Practices. Indicator 4B Data is based on School Year 2014-2015 Data with a Rate Ratio of 1.22.

				SWD Suspended >	LEA Data	State Target	
Indicator 4B	School Year	<u>Race</u>	SWD Enrolled	<u>10 Days</u>	Rate Ratio	Rate Ratio	Met Target?
	2014-2015	Hispanic	-	-	0.00	1.22	Yes
	2014-2015	American Indian	-	NA	NA	1.22	Yes
	2014-2015	African American	53	-	0.00	1.22	Yes
	2014-2015	White	-	NA	NA	1.22	Yes
	2014-2015	Asian	-	NA	NA	1.22	Yes
	2014-2015	Haw./P.I.	-	NA	NA	1.22	Yes
	2014-2015	Multiple	-	NA	NA	1.22	Yes
Note:							

Percent of Childre	en Aged 6 to 21 Served Inside the Regular Class 80% or M	ore of the Day				
			Number of SWD	LEA Data		
Indicator 5A	School Year	Number of SWD	in LRE A	% in LRE A	State Target	Met Target?
	2015-2016	60	58	> 95%	69.00%	Yes
Note:						
Percent of Childre	en Aged 6 to 21 Served Inside the Regular Class Less Than	40% of the Day				
			Number of SWD	LRE Data		
Indicator 5B	School Year	Number of SWD	in LRE B	% in LRE B	State Target	Met Target?
	2015-2016	60	-	< 5%	15.30%	Yes
Note:						
Percent of Childre	en Aged 6 to 21 Served In Separate Schools, Residential F	acilities, and in Home	ebound/Hospital Placeme	nts		
			Number of SWD	LRE Data		
Indicator 5C	School Year	Number of SWD	in LRE C	% in LRE C	State Target	Met Target?
	2015-2016	60	-	< 5%	4.80%	Yes
Note:						
Percent of Childre	en Aged 3 to 5 Attending a Regular Early Childhood Progr	am and Receiving the	Majority of Special Educ	ation and Related Services	in the Regular Earl	y Childhood
Program						
			Number of	LEA Data		
			SWD Receiving	Percent Receiving		
			Services in the	Services in the		
Indicator 6A	School Year	Number of SWD	Regular EC Program	Regular EC program	State Target	Met Target?
	2015-2016	-	-	> 95%	47.00%	Yes
Percent of Childre	en Aged 3 to 5 Attending a Separate Special Education Cla	ass, Separate School,	or Residential Facility			
				LEA Data		
			Number of SWD	Percent Receiving		
			Receiving Services	Services in		
Indicator 6B	School Year	Number of SWD	in Separate Setting	Separate Setting	State Target	Met Target?
	2015-2016	-	-	< 5%	34.00%	Yes
Note:						

Percent of Preso	hool Students Age	d 3 to 5 Who Demons	trate Improved Sk	ills in Positive Socia	al/Emotional Skills, Acquisition	n and Use of Knowledg	e and Skills, and Use	of Appropriate
Behaviors								
		LEA Data %						
		Acquisition and						
		Use of Knowledge			LEA Data % Acquisition			
		and Skills			and Use of Knowledge			
		Increased Rate of			and Skills Within Age			
Indicator 7	School Year	<u>Growth</u>	State Target	Met Target?	<u>Expectations</u>	State Target	Met Target?	
	2015-2016	NA	90.00%	NA	NA	51.80%	NA	
		LEA Data %						
		Improved Skills in						
		Use of						
		Appropriate			LEA Data % Improved			
		Behavior			Skills in Use of			
		Increased Rate of			Appropriate Behavior			
		<u>Growth</u>	State Target	Met Target?	Within Age Expectation	State Target	Met Target?	
	2015-2016	NA	89.20%	NA	NA	65.20%	NA	
		LEA Data %						
		Positive						
		Social/Emotional			LEA Data % Positive			
		Skills Increased			Social/Emotional Skills			
		Rate of Growth	State Target	Met Target?	Within Age Expectation	State Target	Met Target?	
	2015-2016	NA	87.40%	NA	NA	56.70%	NA	
Note:	NA - LEA did no	ot have students ages	3-5 in a pre-school	program				
Percent of Pare	nts with a Child Rec	eiving Special Educat	ion Services Who I	Report That School	Facilitated Parent Involvemen	nt as a Means of Impro	ving Services and Re	sults for Children
with Disabilities								
			Total Number of			LEA Data	State	
Indicator 8	School Year		<u>Respondents</u>	Number Agree	Number Disagree	% Agree	<u>Target</u>	Met Target?
	2015-2016		-	-	-	> 95%	87.00%	Yes
Note:								

Disproportionate	Representation of Racial a	nd Ethnic Groups in Special Edu	ucation and Related S	Services That is a Result	of Inappropriate Identificati	on	
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					A Data		
	4.1 1.4				Respresentation as a	<u> –</u>	
Indicator 9	School Year				priate Identification	State Target	Met Target?
Nista	2015-2016			<	5%	0.00%	Yes
Note:	Danvesantation of Desial a	nd Fahuis Cusums in Sussifis Di	ahilitu Catagorias Th	at is a Basult of Income	unista Idontification		
Disproportionate	e Representation of Racial al	nd Ethnic Groups in Specific Dis	sability Categories in				
				LEA Data			
Indicator 10	School Year			% Disproportionate Respresentation as a Result of Inappropriate Identification State Target			Met Target?
indicator 10	2015-2016				5%	0.00%	Yes
	2013 2010				. 370	0.0070	165
Note:							
Evaluations Cond	lucted Within 45 School Days	s or 90 Calendar Days, Whiche	ver is Shorter, of Rec	eiving Parent Consent f	or Initial Evaluation		
	·	Total Number of	Number within	Number Not	LEA Data		
Indicator 11	School Year	Initial Evaluations	Timeline	within Timeline	% within Timeline	State Target	Met Target?
	2015-2016	NA	NA	NA	NA	100.00%	NA
Note:	NA- No initial evaluations	s were reported.					
Percent of Childre	en Referred by Part C Prior t	o Age 3 Who Are Found Eligibl	e for Part B, and Who	o Have an IEP Develope	d and Implemented by Their	Third Birthday	
			Nob £				
			Number of				
			Students Referred		LEA Data		
		Total Number of			LEA Data % Who Received Services		
Indiantou 12	Cahaal Vaar	SWD who Turned	and/or Parent			Ctata Tayaat	Mat Tayaat?
Indicator 12	<u>School Year</u> 2015-2016	<u>Age 3</u> NA	<u>Refusals</u> NA		by Age 3	State Target 100.00%	Met Target? NA
	2015-2016	NA	NA .		IVA	100.00%	INA
Note:	NA-I FA did not have stud	dents transitioning from Part C t	o Part R				
		EP That Includes Coordinated,		IFP Goals and Transition	n Services That Will Reasona	hly Fnable the Stu	dent to Meet the
Post-Secondary G						,	
,							
		<u>Total Number of</u>	Number of IEPs		LEA Data		
						– .	
Indicator 13	School Year	IEPs Reviewed	Meeting Standard		% Meeting Standard	State Target	Met Target?
Indicator 13	<u>School Year</u> 2015-2016	IEPs Reviewed -	Meeting Standard -		% Meeting Standard > 95%	100.00%	Met Target? Yes
Indicator 13 Note:		<u>IEPs Reviewed</u> -	Meeting Standard -				

Post-School Outcomes-Percent of Youth Who Are No Longer in Secondary School, Had IEPs in Effect at the Time They Left School, and Were: A. Enrolled in Higher Education Within One Year of Leaving High School, or C. Enrolled in Higher Education or in Some Other Post-Secondary Education or Training Program; or Competitively Employed or in Some Other Employment Within One Year of Leaving

Indicator 14	School Year 2014-2015	Total Number of Exiters NA	Total Number of Respondents NA	Group A RespondentsNA	LEA Data % Group A NA	State Target 29.00%	Met Target? NA
				Group B Respondents NA	LEA Data % Group B NA	State Target 60.00%	Met Target? NA
Note:	NA-This LEA did not have stu	dents with IEPs exiting seco	ondary education.	Group C RespondentsNA	LEA Data % Group C NA	State Target 100.00%	Met Target? NA