

>>> Malcolm Thomas 9/20/2011 12:07 PM >>>

I have received your e-mail. The district will make sure funds controlled by the Escambia School District are provided in a timely fashion. I cannot commit for delays that may be created by Florida DOE or lack of documentation required from A A Dixon.

I am sending a copy of this correspondence to General Counsel for the School Board. Please have your attorney contact her to begin drafting the appropriate document(s).

I have sent instructions to delete the 90 day termination from tonight's agenda. The CAP is on the agenda for Board action.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: 9/20/2011 11:34:26 AM
Subject: A.A. Dixon

Dear Superintendent Thomas:

As you and I discussed yesterday afternoon and this morning, here are the proposed benchmarks that would serve as an alternative to the District issuing a Notice of Termination. I believe they would provide the District with a level of comfort that the School is progressing and improving, but at the same time, the School would be allowed the remainder of the 2011-12 School Year for academic and financial initiatives and new leadership to work without the continual threat of termination. If the benchmarks are not met at the end of the 2011-12 School Year, the School would voluntarily close, provided that the School District has timely paid or passed through all State, Title I, IDEA, and CSP Start-Up Grant funds to which the School is eligible. If the School does close at the end of the 2011-12 School Year, the District will assist parents of students at the School in finding the appropriate placement for their children in the 2012-13 School Year. If these terms are acceptable, we can have our respective attorneys work together on the proper documentation.

In addition to bringing these benchmarks back to the A.A. Dixon Governing Board, I will also recommend the following:

- The Governing Board accept the withdrawal of Ed Futures from the EMO Management Agreement.
- The Governing Board work together with the School's Principal to develop a plan of how the EMO's services will still be accomplished at the School without the EMO.

The proposed benchmarks are as follows:

- A.A. Dixon Governing Board Chair will meet monthly with the Superintendent or his designee to discuss financial and academic progress of the School and any outstanding issues. The date of the meeting will be mutually acceptable, and the Governing Board Chair will bring along the minutes of the latest Governing Board meeting as part of the discussion.
- A.A. Dixon Principal will give a monthly financial and academic status update to the School Board at its monthly Workshop. This will be in addition to the School's Quarterly Reports.
- The School will not increase its negative fund balance as set forth in its Financial CAP.
- The School will not make any changes to its Financial CAP without first discussing those

changes with District Staff.

- The School will not make another "F" grade on the FCAT.

My understanding from our discussions is that, with these representations, you will remove the Agenda Item from today's meeting regarding issuance of a Notice of Termination. In addition, my understanding is that you will be adding the financial CAP back on the Agenda with your recommendation of approval. Please e-mail me back to confirm this is what you intend to do. Thank you for all your help and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Reverend LuTimothy May, Chair
A.A. Dixon Charter School Governing Board

