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Commissioner David C. Hespe
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June 10, 2014


Dear Commissioner Hespe,

The City of Camden is excited to support Mastery Schools of Camden for their proposed high quality education options for Camden's children. Per N.J.S.A. 18A:36C-4.b. (10) and N.J.A.C. 6A:31-3.1(c)4, please accept this letter of intent to sell Block 814 at 24th and Harrison to Mastery for the purpose of constructing a school facility. This letter of intent is contingent upon the final approval of the Mastery Schools of Camden Renaissance Project Application that is in compliance with the statutory requirements set forth in the "Urban Hope Act", N.J.S.A. 18A:36C-1 et seq.

The property identified above is owned by the City of Camden, and is currently a vacant lot adjacent to the soon-to-be completed Salvation Army Kroc Center. A newly constructed school in the Cramer Hill neighborhood would serve as an anchor in the community and meet the needs of hundreds of Camden families. Neighborhood schools are hubs of the community, and are keys to the growth and revitalization of the City of Camden. As part of this partnership, the City of Camden is seeking the new school to provide both a strong academic program, as well as the extended school day and year that research has shown is critical to students' success.

My administration is committed to improving the quality of life and education in the City of Camden.

Sincerely,


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Dear Commissioner Hespe,

The City of Camden is excited to support Uncommon Schools for their proposed high quality education options for Camden's children. Per N.J.S.A. 18A:36C-4.b. (10) and N.J.A.C. 6A:31-3.1(c)4, please accept this letter of intent to support the acquisition and transfer of title of Block 1388, Lot 7 to Uncommon Schools for the purpose of constructing a school facility.

The property identified above is currently under private ownership. However, the City of Camden has already begun a thorough review of the site's environmental condition to facilitate the planned acquisition, be it through lease, purchase or other legal means. This letter of intent is contingent upon the completion of this review, site control, as well as final approval of Uncommon Schools' Renaissance Project Application that is in compliance with the statutory requirements set forth in the "Urban Hope Act", N.J.S.A. 18A:36C-1 et seq.

The site identified above is located in the Whitman Park neighborhood, which currently has no elementary school option available for students. A newly constructed school in this neighborhood would serve as an anchor in the community and meet the needs of hundreds of Camden families. Neighborhood schools are hubs of the community, and are keys to the growth and revitalization of the City of Camden.

In addition to the site identified above, the City of Camden is also excited to support Uncommon Schools in the Liberty Park neighborhood, where City-owned land may be made available pending all appropriate approvals for the construction of future Renaissance sites as outlined in the Uncommon Schools application.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dana L. Redd", is written over a horizontal line.

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