



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Dear Mr. Wilson and Ms. Thomas

On behalf of the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), I want to congratulate you and the International High School of New Orleans community-students, families, and staff for meeting the standards for Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) Authorized Charter School Renewal.

Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*, outlines the extension and renewal standards for BESE-authorized charter schools, which are based on academic, financial, and organizational performance. The indicators used to evaluate performance in each of these areas are detailed in the Charter School Performance Compact.

On March 11, 2020, in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards declared that a statewide public health emergency existed in the State of Louisiana because of COVID-19. Given the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak in Louisiana and to protect the health and safety of the students, teachers, administrators and staff in the public-school systems, in Proclamation 47 JBE 2020, the Governor closed schools to students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

In alignment with various Proclamations, several waivers were granted, including, but not limited to, the mandate of annual administration of testing under the Louisiana Education Assessment Program and End of Course examinations, the provisions of La. R.S. 17:10.1 that provide for the School and District Accountability System, and the provisions of La. R.S. 17:391.2, et seq., that provide for public school accountability and assessments.

Given the waiver of annual assessments, the 2018-2019 school performance scores and progress index were applied to the renewal standards, during the 2020 renewal cycle. In doing so, it was determined that International High School of New Orleans is eligible to receive a new 4 year operating agreement, commencing July 1, 2021, for International High School of New Orleans. On October 14, 2020 the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved the renewal of the charter contract for a 4-year term.

I thank your students, families and staff for their hard work and look forward to continuing to partner with you in service of Louisiana's children.

In service,

Dr. Cade Brumley, Superintendent
Louisiana Department of Education

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