

October 29, 2018

The GLOBE Academy
2225 Heritage Drive
Atlanta, GA 30345

Encl: 10/23 email, amendment, additional signatures

Dear GLOBE Academy Board Members and Administration,

As parents and teachers of the GLOBE 3rd graders in the French track, we write to you with concern over the status of the trailers for the two homeroom classes. It is nearly 3 months into school and our students are still having instruction in the Village Plaza. This is nowhere near the ideal learning environment for students, especially in a language immersion program.

We have had no regular official communication/updates on the status of the trailers and as time goes on, we are left wondering if we will be in our classrooms at all this school year. Our teachers have done a tremendous job working under these conditions and creating the best learning environment they can, under the circumstances. This does not mean, however, that it hasn't been incredibly difficult for them to create the organized classroom environment that they most want for the children.

We are also unaware of the number of hurdles still left to clear before this project is done. Our understanding in September was that there was county paperwork holding up the project, but after that there were a few short steps toward completion. However, it seems like the list of items to finish is unclear at best, and continues to grow at worst.

We recognize that the hurricane created some difficulty with GA Power, but as that appears to be only one element of the project, we do not understand why the delay continues for so long.

Our cohort has been very patient as we already had to deal with their Lead Teacher being in France due to his visa issues for almost 3 months last year. At that time, it was also a wait and see game.

At this time, we are requesting a clear timeline for when our children will be in their classrooms, with all of the steps outlined. We also request weekly status updates so that we are not left hanging. It is time for our teachers and children to be settled.

Sincerely,

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Namita Agravat
Sanjay Agravat
Luis Aguilar
Virginia Autret
David Berhanu
Amy Bingham
Azalia Boyd
Paul Coburn
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Rida Fatima
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Sarah Wilson

Amendment:

Please see additional concerns voiced by teachers and parents:

1. As 3rd graders, these students will be taking the GA Milestones for the first time. This situation is causing stress on the teachers to have the kids prepared but also puts our kids in an adverse situation as their learning and focus is being interfered with.
2. Parents have voiced concerns about the big tree that is hanging next to the trailer but have not received feedback.
3. We have received minimal communication on the status (the last being on September 21). Please see below for all communications received to date:

August 2

Good Afternoon

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at orientation. I wanted to let you know that our Modular building will not be ready for you to enter tomorrow. We are awaiting a timeline for the last part of our construction.

No matter what the timeline becomes, we have a space for your classes to be a community and to learn. The teachers are anxiously awaiting your children and will make this a rewarding experience for all involved.

You will meet your teachers in the conference room after you enter through the Village Plaza.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

*Christi Elliott-Earby
Head of School
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August 29-September 7

Informal via Facebook from Rachel May's communication with Juan and CEE

"Yes, sorry you couldn't attend, as I provided an update then. Before Georgia Power can put a new power pole on the property they require an easement signed by Dekalb County Schools' legal department and the superintendent.

I got word today that we will have the signed forms tomorrow. Based on the time it takes to schedule/complete the work (our contractor has a few items to complete after Georgia Power is

done) I estimate at this time that we are 1-1.5 weeks from completion, provided we really do get the signed form tomorrow.

As I have stated in prior board meetings, I really appreciate everyone's patience. I really do understand everyone's frustration.

Thanks,

Juan”

“Christi asked me to pass along that they are 'getting close and hope to have a date and timeline today or Monday morning' for the rest of the work. She will be sending out an update to our classes as soon as that info comes in. Admin and the board are doing everything they can to get this finished.”

September 13

Good Afternoon LC Parents:

As many of you know, 3rd grade French has been holding classes in the Village Plaza while our modulars are being finished. The good news is that the end is in sight. We passed our electrical inspection and GA Power will be out here at Lower Campus tomorrow. We have received word that the power will need to be turned off while work is performed tomorrow. We were hoping to have the work done after school hours, but this is not possible. It most likely will just be the power to the modulars but could be the whole building. It will only be for an hour or two. School will still go on. This will be an adventure and a day to remember for the students.

Our phones do not work while the power is out. If it is the whole building for an hour or two, our calls will be routed to UC. Pat Ferguson will then be able to call or text Talia Dow, AHOS for LC, to ensure any messages get to us.

Christi Elliott-Earby

September 17

Informal from Lead English Teacher, Dawn McCafferty

As some of you may know GA Power were on site on Friday to work on the trailer. There is still a lot of work left to go but so far we are heading in the right direction. As soon as we have any more updates on power, plumbing, pathways, landscaping etc we will let you know. At this point it is looking like we may be moving in sometime in October...we'll keep you posted.

September 21

Dear 3rd French Parents,

We are preparing for phase two of the modular building project which entails shutting power down to the main building which we will coordinate with Georgia Power. This is the phase where they are putting in an underground wire to attach to the main building. When we get an available date from Georgia Power we will inform everyone. This is the last step before the CO can be issued from the Fire Marshall and occupy the building. Once again thank you your patience.

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October 29

Dear Namita and 3rd grade families,

Thank you for your thoughtful email. We understand your concerns and share your frustrations on this matter. This project has taken much longer than expected. As you know the school and the Board's facilities committee and have been working diligently to get this resolved - Juan and I continue to press on this daily with contractors and GA Power. At this time, there are a few more steps that need to happen before we can occupy the modular/trailer space:

- 1. GA Power has to come in for the last phase. This work was originally scheduled for Oct 12 but the hurricane caused the company to cancel setting off a series of delays. We have been told that they will begin this work in the next week. Our contractor has been in close contact with GA Power and will be following up again on Monday to confirm plans for this week. This has been the most difficult step given that GA Power's service time is not in our control.*
- 2. Once GA Power's work is completed, our contractor will be taking care of final items to meet code (hand rails, fire alarm, handicap ramp to playground, fire marshall inspection etc). This is anticipated to take ~3 days to complete. These are being planned out now so that they may be completed quickly post GA Power's work.*

We sincerely apologize that this has taken the time that it has and appreciate the efforts of our teachers and the patience of our students and families in this situation. We can't promise a timeline, but please know that this is the highest priority for the school and the Board to have completed. We will send an update at the end of this week to provide you with info on any progress that has been made. We are hopeful that this work is

completed very soon and we have no additional delays.

*Best,
Christi Elliott-Earby, Head of School*

*CC:
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