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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Retraction of October 10, 2020 Correspondence

Dear Ms. Laporte:

Please be advised that I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the School City of East Chicago. As we previously discussed, SCEC Superintendent Dee-Etta Wright issued a termination notice to Athletes for Charity on October 10, 2020. While the notice included opinions that may be held by the Superintendent, the notice was issued without the authorization of the School Board. The information contained in the October 10th notice does not accurately reflect the opinions of the School Board nor the School City of East Chicago as a whole. Notwithstanding the recent concerns expressed by the superintendent, the School City of East Chicago and Athletes for Charity have historically enjoyed a positive working relationship and the students of the district have benefited from the STEM + literacy programming and youth mentoring provided by Athletes for Charity.

I trust that this correspondence fully corrects the inaccurate notice that you received on October 10th. Should Athletes for Charity need any references relative to the quality of the programming that it provided to the School City of East Chicago, I would be happy to facilitate that request.

Very truly yours,

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