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Via U.S. Mail and Email to:
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José Cole-Gutiérrez, Director
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Charter Schools Division
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Re: Educational Equity: Immigration and Citizenship Status (AB 699)

Dear Mr. Cole-Gutiérrez:

On behalf of Ocean Charter School (“OCS” or “Charter School”), this letter responds to your June 18, 2018 letter regarding the Educational Equity: Immigration and Citizenship Status Bill (AB 699). AB 699 protects the rights of undocumented students to equal access to a public education. As set forth in detail below, OCS has revised or adopted a number of policies to comply with AB 699.

OCS has revised or adopted certain Board Policies equivalent to the Attorney General’s Model Policy to implement AB 699, as follows:

- Student Educational Records and Student Information Policy and FERPA Annual Notice
- Classroom and School Volunteer, Visitation, and Removal Policy
- Uniform Complaint Procedures and Annual Notice
- Title IX, Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination, and Bullying Policy and Annual Notice
- Non-Discrimination Statement

Consistent with your June 18, 2018 letter, the Resolution, Board policies and Handbook address the following topics covered by AB 699:

- Gathering and Maintaining Student and Family Information.
- Releasing/Sharing Student and Family Information.
- Responding to Requests for Access to School Grounds for Immigration-Enforcement Purposes.
- Responding to Detention or Deportation of a Student’s Family Member.
- Addressing Hate Crimes and Bullying Related to National Origin or Ethnicity.

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As required by AB 699 and the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Charter School's Board of Trustees adopted these updates to its policies for distribution to OCS families at the start of the 2018-2019 school year. The updated policies require the Charter School Principal to timely report to the Charter School's Board of Trustees any requests for information or access to the school site by a law enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcing immigration law.

Information about children's rights to a free education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs and the Attorney General's *Know Your Rights* handout will be provided to students upon enrollment to Charter School. This handout further includes information and rights regarding detention or deportation of a student's family member. Students will also receive education regarding the negative impact of bullying based on actual or perceived immigration status or religious beliefs.

This letter is intended to provide evidence of Charter School's compliance with AB 699 as also required by the District. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Stephanie Edwards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephanie Edwards
Executive Director