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**NOTICE TO CURE**

June 9, 2025

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**RESPONSE DUE: 6/30/2025**

**SUBJECT: NOTICE TO CURE: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

**OCEAN CHARTER**

Charter Number – 0569    Loc. Code 5962

Dear Charter School Leaders:

The purpose of this Notice to Cure is to inform Ocean Charter’s (“Charter School”) governing board of the Charter Schools Division’s (CSD) concern over Ocean Charter’s student discipline end-of-year data outcomes from the 2023-2024 school year. The LAUSD Board-approved *Federal, State and District Required Language for Independent Charter School Petitions* states,

“Charter School shall ensure that its staff is knowledgeable about and complies with the District’s Discipline Foundation Policy and/or current equivalent policy. Charter School shall comply with the terms of the School Discipline Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights resolution adopted by the LAUSD Board of Education on May 6, 2013.”

Moreover, the School Discipline Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights Board resolution reminds us that,

“Studies indicate that suspension does not often result in positive behavior conditioning and furthermore, can instead intensify misbehavior by increasing shame, alienation, and rejection amongst students, and a study from Texas found that students are five times more likely to dropout, six times more likely to repeat a grade, and three times more likely to have contact with the juvenile justice system if suspended.”

The CSD is committed to making decisions that put the interests of students first. Based on a review of Ocean Charter’s in-school and out-of-school suspension data, the CSD considers the school’s discipline data to be a concerning situation.



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The CSD's review of Ocean Charter's recent suspension data (i.e., 2023-2024 end of year data) revealed Charter School had a 28.93 percentage point suspension rate disproportionality for its African American student group (i.e., the African American suspension rate of 30.00% exceeded the schoolwide rate of 1.07% by 28.93 percentage points).

All students should have the right to school-wide positive behavior interventions and supports. Before a consequence is given, students must first be supported in learning the skills necessary to correct their behavior and to participate in a positive school climate. The CSD is concerned that the school's data in this area may indicate problems with implementing an effective and productive discipline model that ensures equity for all students and minimizes loss of instruction due to student suspension.

In order to ensure that Ocean Charter's student discipline policies are being implemented in a manner to maximize student engagement opportunities and promote a safe and positive school climate, the CSD requests that you provide a written response addressing your understanding of what has attributed to these data outcomes and the school leadership's plan to address these concerns including, but not limited to, a description of how Charter School staff and the Ocean Charter governing board will be monitoring student behavior data to ensure that equitable school-based practices are implemented in a fair, non-discriminatory and culturally responsive manner. **Please provide this information on or before June 30, 2025.**

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this Notice, please contact me by email at [kap6326@lausd.net](mailto:kap6326@lausd.net). Thank you in advance for your attention and collaboration on this important matter.

Respectfully,

*Kristi Maar*

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

LAUSD's Discipline Foundation Policy  
The School Discipline Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights board resolution  
LAUSD Charter Schools Division Suspension and Expulsion Tiered Intervention Plan  
Independent Charter School Disproportionality Suspension Report

C: Taylor Wichmanowski, CSD Senior Coordinator