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Via Facsimile and Regular Mail

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Dear Mr. McAdams:

I am responding to your letter to Barbara Nelson dated May 26, 2005, regarding the revision of Coatesville's PDE-363 form. You stated the need for the revision because Coatesville had improperly failed to include charter school students in the Estimated Average Daily Membership. Thus, Coatesville should have been paying charter schools \$804.34 less for each regular education student and \$178.06 more for each special education student.

Since this constitutes a significant miscalculation, which is defined in PDE's guidelines as a revision in the selected expenditure per student of 5 percent or more, PDE will accept Coatesville's revised 363 form for the 2004-2005 school year.

As you are well-aware, the Collegium Charter School has raised concerns about not receiving its June payment. By using the revised 363 form, Collegium would not only not receive a June payment from Coatesville, but according to the documents submitted with your letter, you estimate that Collegium Charter School would owe Coatesville \$213,591.56. If Coatesville intends to seek recovery of this money from Collegium, PDE recommends that Coatesville negotiate an acceptable repayment structure for Collegium so that it is not financially burdened by this miscalculation.

Sincerely,

Karen S. Feuchtenberger
Assistant Counsel

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Barbara J. Nelson