



NOTICE OF PRINCIPAL'S DETERMINATION UNDER M.G.L. Ch. 71, § 37H

VIA

Date

Parent/Guardian

Address

Re:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you know, your child was charged with:

[] A. Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, including, but not limited to, a gun or a knife, on school premises or at a school-sponsored or school-related event, including an athletic game.

[] B. Possession of a Controlled Substance, as defined by M.G.L. Ch. 94C, including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine and heroin, on school premises or at a school-sponsored or school-related event, including an athletic game.

[] C. Assault on a Member of the Educational Staff, including, but not limited to, a principal, assistant principal, teacher, teacher's aide, on school premises or at a school-sponsored or school-related event, including an athletic game.

which is a violation of state law, M.G.L. Chapter 71, §37H and the Springfield International Charter School Code of Conduct.

On _____, I held a due process hearing with you and _____. At the due process hearing, your child was provided with the opportunity to have representation at your expense and to present evidence and witnesses on their behalf.

At the due process hearing, I considered information, including but not limited to the following information: interviews with your child _____, and other information, including your child's prior discipline history, attendance and grades.

After careful consideration of this information, I have made the following determination:



Due to the very serious nature of the discipline infractions, I impose a long-term suspension upon the student for _____ . As a condition of the student's return to school, the student is required to _____ .

During the period of suspension, the student shall be prohibited from entering upon the buildings or any premises or property of the Springfield International Charter School and shall not attend any events or activities sponsored by the Springfield International Charter School.

Under M.G.L. c. 71, § 37H, there is no right to appeal a long-term suspension to the Superintendent, only an expulsion (suspension exceeding ninety (90) school days). If your child has been suspended for more than ninety (90) school days as a result of my decision, you have a right to appeal this decision to the Superintendent. You/your child have ten (10) days from the date of this decision in which to notify the Superintendent of your intent to appeal. At the appeal hearing, your child has the right to counsel at their/your expense. The subject matter of the appeal shall not be limited solely to the factual determination of whether the student has violated any provisions of M.G.L. c. 71, § 37H.

The student may receive educational services during this period of suspension as an opportunity to make academic progress during the suspension period. **The District's School Wide Education Plan is enclosed for your review.** If you have any questions about this plan, please contact me. **If the student receives educational services pursuant to an IEP, the student's Team will convene to address provision of educational services during the suspension.**

If this box is checked, your child is a student who receives educational services pursuant to an IEP or 504 Plan and the Special Education Department will contact you to arrange for a manifestation determination meeting.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

School Principal

Enclosure – *Education Services Plan*

cc: Justin Baker, Director
Cynthia Miller, Special Services Director