



NOTICE OF HEARING UNDER M.G.L. Ch. 71, § 37H½

VIA

Date

Parent/Guardian

Address

Re:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to notify you that I have been informed that your child has been charged with _____, which are all felonies under Massachusetts law.

Under Massachusetts General Laws Ch. 71, §37H½, I am authorized to suspend your child if I determine that his/her continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect on the school community.

Your child is entitled to a hearing before me, as Principal, prior to my making any determination under the statute. At that hearing, your child may be represented by counsel at your own expense. In addition, your child will be afforded the opportunity to present evidence and witnesses on their behalf. After this hearing, I will inform you in writing of my decision. Under the law, I have the authority to suspend a student during the pendency of felony charges or to exclude the student from school for a period of time which I deem appropriate, if they are convicted. During the period of long-term suspension or expulsion, the student is entitled to continue to receive educational services pursuant to state law.

I have scheduled a hearing to determine these matters on _____ at _____. Please inform my office as soon as possible if you intend to have an attorney accompany you. If so, counsel for the Springfield International Charter School will attend this hearing. Additionally, if you or your child needs an interpreter, please let us know at least 48 hours before the hearing so that we can arrange for an interpreter. Please call my office at _____ to confirm this hearing time. If the hearing must be rescheduled to accommodate attorneys, we will set a new time as soon as possible.

[☐] 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 if appropriate.

Sincerely,

School Principal

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