



NOTICE OF PRINCIPAL'S DETERMINATION UNDER M.G.L. Ch. 71, § 37H½

VIA

Date

Parent/Guardian

Address

Re:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As I understand your child was charged with _____, which are considered felony charges under Massachusetts law. (IF APPLICABLE: These incidents, which occurred on school property, also violate the policies of the Springfield International Charter School.)_____

On _____, pursuant to my notice letter of _____, I held a due process hearing with you and _____ in attendance, to consider whether the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect upon the general welfare of the school. This hearing was held pursuant to District and school policy and also pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, §37H½. At the due process hearing, the student 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 the student and their parents, information from school Administrators _____ and information provided by _____, along with the student's academic and discipline records.

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

Due to the very serious nature of the charges and _____, I have determined that the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect upon the general welfare of the school. Accordingly, effective immediately, I impose a long-term suspension upon the student for _____ while these charges remain pending. At the end of the school year, I will review the status of the criminal charges to make further determinations regarding the student's return to school. If the charges are dismissed or otherwise concluded, please contact me.



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.

You have a right to appeal this suspension to the Superintendent of Schools. If you choose to appeal, you must notify the Superintendent in writing of your request for appeal no later than five (5) calendar days following the effective date of the suspension. The Superintendent shall hold a hearing with the Student and you within three (3) calendar days of the student's request for an appeal. At the hearing, the student has the right to present oral and written testimony on their behalf, and the student has the right to be represented by counsel of their own choosing and at their own expense.

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