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Dear Imagine Southeast Public Charter School Parents and Guardians:

The Deputy Mayor of Education released the report: *Quality Schools: Every Child, Every School, Every Neighborhood* on January 26, 2012. The report was prepared by the Illinois Facilities Fund (IFF) and provides information about neighborhoods in the city where the IFF believes there is a need for high-quality public education opportunities.

The report contained a recommendation of closure for certain charter schools identified as low-performing. Imagine Southeast was among those recommended for closure. It is important to note that neither the consultants at IFF nor the Deputy Mayor have the authority to close a school. That responsibility rests with the DC Public Charter School Board.

I want to emphasize that Imagine Southeast is not on the PCSB's closure agenda at this time. Imagine Southeast was ranked as a Tier 2 school within our Performance Management Framework (PMF). Absent other factors, such as financial mismanagement or violations of charter agreements or applicable laws, Tier 2 schools are not normally candidates for closure. For more information on the PMF, visit our website: [www.dcpubliccharter.com](http://www.dcpubliccharter.com). We hope that you will continue to work with your children and the school's community to ensure that growth and learning take place at the school.

That said, the PCSB takes the report's findings seriously. We intend to hold many conversations with schools, parents, and community members about the findings. We also intend to work closely with our partners at the Deputy Mayor for Education's Office and the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) to use the information in the report to help us serve communities in a more coordinated way.

The DC Public Charter School Board takes its responsibility to students, parents and community members very seriously and is committed to making sure that students are served well by charter schools. If you have further questions feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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