



Jack Quinn
President

October 25, 2016

Honorable Barbara Miller Williams
427 William Street
Buffalo, NY 14204

And:

92 Franklin Street
Buffalo NY 14202

Dear Barbara,

During the past week, I have attempted, unsuccessfully, to reach you by phone at both of your offices. Unfortunately, we have not been able to find the resolution you submitted asking for a response by October 3. We apologize for that. I managed to secure a copy and have it.

To that end, I want you to know that ECC has had no desire or plan to terminate our partnership with BPS and Middle Early College. In fact, we have been in active and positive discussions with the school district and fully expect to execute an MOU which will take us through 2019. Further, a meeting has been on the books for some time, for this Friday, October 28, to finalize this MOU for my signature.

So, I can report that we are very close to agreement and have similar written correspondence from Superintendent Cash.

I am prepared to meet at your convenience to discuss this issue, in detail, and share this positive news.

As always, thank you for your support - Commencement is only 7 months away!!!!

Respectfully,

Jack Quinn
President

Cc: Superintendent Cash, Buffalo Public Schools
Dennis Murphy, Chair, ECC Board of Trustees
Richard Washousky, ECC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

Middle Early College High School of Erie Community College
and Buffalo Public Schools

Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding

July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

To extend the partnership through August 31, 2019

The final class of Buffalo Public Schools (BPS) high school students to be enrolled at Erie Community College (ECC) as part of the existing Middle Early College High School program will be the junior class of 2016-2017. When these students are in their senior year and the fifth year of the program, they will be allowed to enroll and matriculate at ECC on a full-time basis. They will have until the end of Summer Session II in 2019 to complete all degree requirements.

In the past academic year of 2015-2016, no juniors attended ECC but enrolled at SUNY Buffalo State. ECC assumes that this same arrangement will be repeated this year and that ECC will not offer college courses to juniors on its campus. Students who are entering their senior year and who have not attended ECC prior to this year may enroll in courses and matriculate at the senior level of the program if they choose to work toward the associate degree.

Going forward, representatives from ECC and BPS will meet to work on the wording for a formal agreement which will need board approval. The ECC Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Richard C. Washousky and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Edward Holmes will meet with BPS Chief of Strategic Alignment and Innovation Dr. David Mauricio. The ECC Chief Financial Officer William Reuter will work with BPS Chief Financial Officer Geoff Pritchard on the financial aspects of this amended agreement.

Project enrollments at ECC in the 2016-2017 academic year are 35 for the fifth year and 37 for seniors, 2017-2018 academic year are 35 for the fifth year and 35 for seniors, 2018-2019 academic year are 33 for the fifth year and 60 for the seniors.

Items that will be addressed in the final Memorandum of Understanding are recorded in the attached BPS letter from Superintendent Dr. Kriner Cash to ECC President Jack Quinn dated September 14, 2016.

Approved

DRAFT

Jack Quinn, President
Erie Community College

Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent
Buffalo Public Schools

Date

Date

Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold, Board President
Buffalo Public Schools

Date

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF Erie

On the _____ day of _____, before me personally came Jack Quinn, to me known to be the individual described in, and who, executed, the foregoing instrument and acknowledge that he executed the same.

Notary Public