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To Whom It May Concern:

Since opening its doors in 1992, Bank of America Learning Academy has successfully met the academic needs of children for over 3500 Bank of America employees. Since the beginning of the state's accountability system for schools, BOALA has not only been rated as an "A" school, but has also met the Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP) for all students.

Most recently, the school has been rated in the top 3% statewide for successful school models. And now, as you know, for financial reasons the school district's Superintendent is recommending closure of the school for the 2012-2013 school year.

Because of the success of the school and the strong desire and support on the part of our parents, the School Advisory Council (SAC) is exploring the option to transform the current public school into a Charter School in the Workplace. As such, the school would be sponsored by the local school district and continue to work in partnership with Bank of America. The school would continue to target the children of the employees from Bank of America and Merrill Lynch.

The stakeholders of the school are looking to provide an educational experience different from traditional public schools and are willing to explore bold new ways to enhance the way children are educated. Since having a building is one of the largest hurdles that most charter schools face, the School Advisory Council would like to formally request the bank's support in our efforts to move forward. Most specifically, we would like to request the continued use of the building for the Charter School in the Workplace and the ongoing maintenance associated with it. This would represent the same level of support that has been provided by the bank since the school opened.

In order to meet the August 1st application deadline to ensure a smooth transition from public to charter status for the 2012-2013 school year, SAC would like to request your response, if possible, for our May meeting (May 17th). We greatly appreciate the support that has been provided over the past 19 years and look forward to accomplishing great things in the future for both our children and their parents.

Jose Hernandez
SAC Chair