

Charter Accountability: Notice of Concern/Breach Process

Overview: When schools are not compliant with state laws or BESE policy, the LDOE will issue Notices. These Notices can be either a Notice of Concern (NOC) or a Notice of Breach (NOB). The NOC will contain language that specifies the concern and also will prescribe remedies and timelines for the school. A NOB is reserved for significant, intentional, repeated issues of non-compliance and will also contain remedies and timelines. It falls within the Office of Equity, Inclusion and Opportunities to determine if a notice is required and to draft, disseminate, and monitor those notices.

After it has been determined that a Notice of Concern or Notice of Breach is necessary:

- 1. Confirm with the Executive Director (PS) whether the violation warrants a NOC or NOB.
- 2. Create a draft of the notice to include:
 - a. notice to be addressed to the board president and school leader
 - b. what information was received to prompt the investigation
 - c. the steps that were taken to confirm the concern
 - d. cite specific laws/policies/obligations that the school failed to meet
 - e. list of action items the school must complete to close the notice
 - f. timeline to complete the action items
- 3. After the draft of the notice is complete, submit it to PS for review.
- 4. Update the notice per feedback from the PS.
- 5. If necessary, submit the notice to legal for review.
- 6. If necessary, update the notice per any feedback from legal.
- 7. Submit the updated notice to the PS to add their signature and convert to a PDF.
- 8. Contact school leadership to notify them of the incoming notice.
- 9. Email the notice to the board chair and school leadership ensuring that the PS is copied. If appropriate, other departments may need to be copied.
 - a. e.g., if the notice is concerning teacher certifications, someone from that department may be needed to assist in providing appropriate remedies
- 10. Log the notice into the NOC/NOB tracker located in the 'Charter Accountability' drive.
- 11. Follow-up on prescribed remedies and timelines outlined in the notice.
 - a. If remedy requires submissions, create a calendar reminder.
- 12. Once the school is 100% compliant, update the tracker to reflect the issues are resolved.
- 13. Issue a Notice of Closure to the board chair and school leadership ensuring that the PS is copied.
- 14. Notice of Closure to include
 - a. statement saying that all prescribed remedies were met in accordance with the issued notice and that the LDOE considers this notice closed