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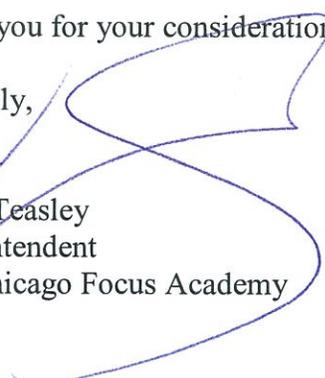
Dear James:

I'm writing to request a delay for one year the opening of East Chicago Focus Academy. There are two reasons for this request. First, we have yet to find a suitable facility for the school in East Chicago or the surrounding communities. Second, and perhaps most important, we have applied for a federal grant to support the replication of high quality charter schools and will not hear back from the federal government until late May or early June. If successful, this grant will provide valuable startup support for East Chicago Focus Academy. As you know, the state of Indiana does not currently have charter school startup funding available.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Kevin Teasley
Superintendent
East Chicago Focus Academy