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Joshua Halsey
Executive Director
Washington State Charter School Commission
1068 Washington St. SE
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Closure of Ashé Preparatory Academy

Dear Mr. Halsey,

I am responding to your October 14 letter regarding the closure of Ashe Preparatory Academy.

The Washington State Board of Education (SBE) is disappointed to hear about Ashé Preparatory Academy's closure. As is the Commission, SBE is concerned about the closure's impact on students and families and their need to find alternative educational opportunities in and around Kent School District.

SBE would like to ensure information regarding the closures in 2019 of three other Commission-chartered schools: Soar Academy in Tacoma, Excel Public Charter School in Kent and Destiny Middle School in Tacoma are included in the annual report due to SBE by December 1, 2019 (this is an extension from the statutory deadline of November 1). This information will be used for SBE's annual report to the Legislature and public under state law, RCW 28A.710.250 and WAC 180-19-210.

In addition to the enrollment and financial information required by statute and rule, SBE asks the Commission to provide an explanation for the closures of these four schools for inclusion in the report.

Sincerely,

Randy Spaulding
Executive Director
Washington State Board of Education