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October 11, 2016

Department of Public Instructions
P.O. Box 7841 Madison
WI 53707-7841
Attention: Michelle Jones

RE: Data Errata

Dear Michelle;

On October 5, 2016 following our telephone conversation I received the email instructions providing the information necessary to correct the misreporting of school and district data in ISES for the 2014-15 school year. The students were incorrectly exited in our student information system when the window for ISES closed. While corrections were made, the errors remained in ISES and consequently in our state reported school and district wide data.

In the 2014-15 school year the High Marq Environmental Charter School in Montello had eight high school graduates that are recorded as Dropouts in ISES when they in fact graduated at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year. By fall of 2015 all eight of these graduates had begun their post-secondary education at either a four year university, community college, or technical college. This error was discovered when we failed to lock our ISES information for the 2015-16 school year. With your assistance we determined the cause of the failure. It is important for our students and our district to correctly identify their exit from school as High School Completion. Through the inquiry process, I have also submitted a request to have our school report card information adjusted to reflect the graduation of these eight students.

On behalf of the Montello School District and High Marq Environmental Charter School, I wish to thank you for your assistance in correcting this matter. If I can be of further assistance to you with regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Laura Jackson

Director of Special Education, Pupil Services, and Curriculum

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