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Dear Woodward Academy Parents and Guardians,

It is with great sadness that the Woodward Academy Board of Directors must inform you that even with the extraordinary efforts of the Academy staff, our request for charter reauthorization was denied.

In a recent letter authored by the Charter School Office staff at Central Michigan University, it states that *"The Academy has failed to successfully implement the Plan of Correction and rectify the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter (NIR)."* However this statement, in the Board's opinion, does not reflect our sentiment or beliefs. It is our belief that the current staff of Woodward Academy has displayed enormous commitment, diligence, and dedication in helping to ensure that all students receive the best education possible this year and, that what the staff and students have demonstrated should be acknowledged and celebrated.

Furthermore, we believe that if the Charter School Office representatives had visited Woodward, they would have seen teachers teaching and students learning using a rigorous, standards-based curriculum. They would have observed students actively engaged and empowered to improve their academic performance. They would have witnessed a new, positive school culture that helped redefine what the "New" Woodward Academy is all about. Our administrative team and main office staff will be available to assist in any way we can in your efforts to locate a school for your child for the next school year. Also, additional information and specific recommendations for appropriate school options will be provided as soon as possible.

Finally, as the Board of Directors for Woodward Academy, we want to acknowledge your genuine commitment and support of our staff throughout this school year. We appreciate having an authentic partnership with our students' parents, and we wish you and your child continued success at their new school next year.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to educate your child.

Sincerely,

Arlene M. Robinson, President
Woodward Academy Board of Directors

MISSION STATEMENT

With an understanding that "Knowledge is Power," Woodward Academy strives to develop independent, life-long learners by fostering a student-centered environment facilitated by dedicated teachers and supported by home and community.