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August 14, 2009

Ms. Rhonda Khalifey-Aluise, Executive Director
KIPP New Orleans
1607 South Carrollton Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

Dear Ms. Khalifey-Aluise:

This letter is to acknowledge your request for a waiver of the High Stakes Testing Policy to allow students who successfully complete the 4.5 programs at two KIPP Charter Schools to be promoted to the sixth grade. The signed assurance statement indicates that the programs at KIPP Central City Academy and KIPP Believe College Prep charter schools will meet all of the requirements as outlined in *Sections I, II, and III* of the policy.

Based on the information that you submitted, your request to continue offering your 4.5 programs with the 6th grade promotion option is approved for the 2009-2010 school year. All requirements outlined in *Sections I, II, and III* shall be included in your school's 2009-2010 Pupil Progression Plan. You may choose to seek an extension of this waiver one year from now.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sharon Compton or Ms. Susan McCurley at (225) 342-1321 or 342-3362.

Sincerely,



Paul G. Pastorek
State Superintendent of Education

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Attachment

c: Ms. Ollie S. Tyler, Deputy Superintendent of Education
Ms. Nancy Beben, Director, Curriculum Standards

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Section IV

Required documentation:

A school system requesting a waiver must submit data to the State Superintendent of Education that supports the effectiveness of their previously operated 4th grade transitional program. ***This data must include an analysis of 6th grade LEAP test scores that compare 4th grade students who repeated the entire grade, 4th grade students who repeated the grade in a transitional program (4.5 program), and 4th grade students who did not repeat any grades.***

Section V

Assurances:

I assure that the 4th grade transitional program described in the current, local Pupil Progression Plan meets all of the requirements as outlined in *Sections I, II, III, and IV* of this document. *

Based upon this submitted assurance, KIPP New Orleans on behalf of KIPP Central City Academy is requesting a waiver of the High Stakes Testing Policy to allow for the implementation of a 4th grade transitional program which meets the purpose as described in *Section I* with the option of promoting students to the 6th grade.

* School systems applying for this waiver **must submit their request by the second Friday in July, and receive approval from the State Superintendent of Education prior to the implementation of a transitional (4.5) program** that provides the option of promotion to the 6th grade. School systems must submit all required documentation as listed in *Section IV*, and if approved, *Sections I, II, and III* must be included in the school system's current Pupil Progression Plan.

Signature of School System Superintendent: *Prionda H. Lively-Rose*
Date: *7/16/2009*

Section VI

Approved/Denied: (circle one)

[Signature]
Paul G. Pastorek
State Superintendent of Education