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December 27, 2009

Mr. Ramone C. Cortines
Superintendent
Los Angeles Unified School District
333 S. Beaudry Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mr. Cortines:

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council recently met with Ivy Academia, one of the applicants to take over and manage Elementary Public School #10 in Winnetka once it is opened.

For the record the WNC was not supportive of the new school. The Board clearly felt that another elementary school within Winnetka, so close to existing elementary schools was not needed. However our concerns were overlooked and the construction of the school went forth. And since the school has gone forward it is in our best interests to ensure that the school is managed properly and ultimately is a benefit to Winnetka's children.

With this goal in mind the Board heard a recent presentation by Tatyana Berkovich, of Ivy Academia and were very pleased to hear what their school has to offer. Specifically the Board was impressed with the following:

- Commitment to elementary classes with no more than 20 children
- The focus on quality education
- The focus on results orientated education

Therefore the WNC voted at our November 10, 2009 meeting, to unanimously approve Ivy Academia's request for support in their efforts to manage Elementary Public School #10. We hope that the Board of Education will take the Winnetka Neighborhood Council's opinion in consideration when the issue is addressed on January 15, 2010.

Sincerely,

JJ Popowich
President
Winnetka Neighborhood Council

C: Thomas Soong, Project Coordinator, Empower L.A.