



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mr. Richard Urban
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Dear Mr. Urban:

I am writing to explain why I have decided that I cannot permit you to use District of Columbia Public Schools facilities.

On February 19, 2008, my Special Assistant, Dr. Richard Nyankori, met with you and explained the preconditions to your access to DCPS facilities for the purpose of conducting Ultra Teen Choice meetings. Among other things, Dr. Nyankori told you that you would need to complete a building use agreement and that meetings were to be held either before or after school hours, unless you obtained the permission of the principal to conduct meetings during the lunch period. The following day, Dr. Nyankori sent you an e-mail notifying you that, in addition to complying with the conditions he had specified at the meeting on February 19, you had to have a tuberculosis test and have your fingerprints cleared before you could be admitted to DCPS schools.

You were fingerprinted on February 22, 2008. On February 27, you contacted Jacqueline Greer at DCPS to inquire whether your fingerprints had yet cleared. Ms. Greer advised you they had not.

Despite Dr. Nyankori's directions, you went ahead and held a lunch meeting of Ultra Teen Choice at Stuart Hobson Middle School on February 27. As of that time, your fingerprints had not cleared, you had not obtained the permission of the school principal to conduct a meeting during the lunch period, and you had not executed a building use agreement. Furthermore, you scratched out the time of your entry into the building in the school's log.

I am sure you can appreciate that adults' compliance with our requirements for access to school buildings is critical to our ability to protect the safety and security of children. Because you violated our access requirements, I have concluded that I cannot allow you to use our school facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle A. Rhee", written over a horizontal line.

Michelle A. Rhee
Chancellor