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Dear Einstein Sherwood Forest Elementary Families,

I hope that you and your families are well. You and your children are our top priority at NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS) and we want to ensure you are well-informed about the performance of your child's school along with any important decisions related to it.

As a part of our unique school system, all charter schools participate in a routine evaluation process during the last year of their charter contract. When NOLA-PS reviews a school's performance, it determines to what extent schools have met specific standards as described in the Charter School Accountability Framework which focus primarily on student learning outcomes. NOLA-PS also reviews how well schools have complied with federal, state, and local law and policy. You can learn more about NOLA-PS' renewal standards on pages 5-8 at: <https://opsb.us/schools/charter-school-performance-framework/>.

As part of my commitment to communicating openly with families, I am writing to let you know that Sherwood Forest did not meet the typical charter school renewal standards and therefore will participate in a comprehensive evaluation this fall. This process is designed to gather additional data to make an informed decision related to the renewal of your child's school.

A component of the comprehensive evaluation includes a public hearing scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM at the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) Central Office (2401 Westbend Pkwy #1050 New Orleans, LA 70114). To help inform OPSB members and myself of [school's] progress over their current charter term, Sherwood Forest will have a designated time to present data and other important information in support of their charter renewal request. Through this comprehensive process we are requiring your school to host meetings with parents to share academic data and plans for school improvement should Sherwood Forest be granted a charter renewal. These meetings will occur during the months of September and October. We strongly advise your participation in these meetings to have your voices heard by your school administration and to hold your school accountable for academic improvement. Additionally, NOLA-PS will host a virtual meeting to inform families and stakeholders of the comprehensive renewal process. We encourage your attendance at this meeting as well.

If Sherwood Forest's contract is renewed through the comprehensive evaluation process, the school will be granted a 3-year contingent renewal. However, if Sherwood Forest's contract is not renewed after this process, NOLA-PS will consider other options, which may include identifying a new organization to lead the school, or ensuring you have priority in choosing a new school for the following school year.

Renewal decisions will be made no later than the December 16<sup>th</sup> OPSB meeting. **All schools participating in this process will continue to serve students for the remainder of this school year as normal.** You will hear from NOLA-PS again as soon as renewal decisions are final. At that time, we will work with you on any next steps that you may need to take.

**You do not need to take any action at this time.** We simply want to let you know this is occurring, and that we are available to support you and your family with any questions or needs you may have.

Again, no action is required on your part. However, if you have any questions, you can reach NOLA-PS at 504-304-3520. Otherwise, let us continue helping and supporting each other in this important work of teaching and learning. Please stay safe and enjoy the school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henderson Lewis, Jr." with a stylized, cursive font.

Henderson Lewis, Jr., Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools