From: Scott Coggins
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: Appeal for Double Certificate of Occupancy for 1745 University Ave...
Date: Monday, December 14, 2015 10:07:32 AM

Marcia, I will be attending the appeal hearing again tomorrow unless I hear otherwise. As you can see below the State of MN, Dept of Education will accept one Certificate of Occupancy for multiple schools in one building as it always has. This is in complete contradiction to what Jim Perucca emailed you and has mislead you in this matter.

I'm extremely frustrated with the amount of time that I've had to spend on this matter, including making special arrangements so I can attend these hearings. There is no excuse for how I have been treated, especially when this matter could have been resolved a long time ago. Jim also said at the time of the first inspection that he would contact my fire alarm company and fire sprinkler company and get the report he needed. He didn't inform me until a week before the deadline that he hadn't received it. I then followed up and made the sure the report was generated, but now he wants to charge me for a reinspection.

I'm asking that the City of St. Paul delete the second Certificate of Occupancy, since it not required and go back to what we have always had. I'm also requesting that you waive any reinspection fees since Dept of Safety and Inspections mishandled this matter. I also request a different inspector be assigned to our property and that staff is educated about how to handle multiple schools in one building in the future.

Sincerely,

-Scott

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Scott – I checked with my colleagues here on the question you had regarding One Certificate of Occupancy for the building that has Tesfa International in it and Universal Academy. Our protocols have not changed. As long as we have a passed fire inspection and Certificate of Occupancy for the building these schools are in, we will approve lease aid. Thus, why the applications have been processed for FY 2016.

The City of St. Paul issues the Certificate of Occupancy statements; thus, you should check with them to see if their policies have changed and if they are requiring each charter school to have a separate Certificate of Occupancy even though they both reside in the same building. If they do, then they may require two separate fire inspections.

I hope this helps. Looks like your next stop is the City of St. Paul.

Have a good afternoon.

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