



Message to Mill Pond School Community:

Over the Summer the Mill Pond Springfield and Richmond Campuses participated in a Mid Cycle Review (MCR) which typically takes place at or around the 3-year point of a 6-year full Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) license for our schools. We are fortunate to have made many needed improvements to our facilities and programming that were seen favorably by state reviewers when they visited our sites.

Out of 17 specific compliance/implementation areas reviewed by the Department, 15 were found to be implemented. Two items were viewed to be in partial implementation, regarding practice and training documentation on our separation policy and the consistent review on restraint data. As a response, we are implementing improvements to address immediate and permanent compliance.

As part of DESE's review of our schools, and because restraint compliance items are more heavily waited, we are operating under a provisional license. This one-year designation does not operationally change the schools or the work we do with your students, nor does it impact our ability to enroll new students or our work with local school districts. It will, however, affect managements approach to policy management, professional development, and sustainability. We will be taking steps to ensure these compliance items are resolved.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at esantiago@studyhome.org

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