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Dear Mr. Argiros:

The Commission on Quality Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (CQC), New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) are in receipt of your correspondence dated January 31, 2011.

The Commission and State partners stand by our findings and recommendations as set out in our letters dated 9/8/10 and 12/29/10 that highlighted our concerns regarding the treatment of students at The Family Foundation School. We appreciate the changes you have made to date to improve the safety and treatment for youth with significant emotional, mental health, and substance abuse disabilities and hope that you will continue to examine the issues highlighted in our correspondence.

This letter will serve to close our current review of The Family Foundation School. The Commission and State partners will continue to monitor The Family Foundation School as long as you serve children with serious mental health, substance abuse and other mental disabilities in New York State.

Respectfully,

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