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Re: Final Renewal Report Evaluative Comments for UD Team II Bronx

Please accept the following Evaluative Comment regarding our Final Renewal Report for UD Team II Bronx:

- **Benchmark 1: Student Performance (pages 8 & 10):** We believe there should be a modification of the “Approaches” finding for this benchmark. The body of the report clearly states that there was not sufficient data to fully evaluate this benchmark. Further, the limited data that is available – improvement of graduation rates – clearly shows a positive trend with a +13 differential. In fact, the report states that our school is achieving “...better outcomes for students.” Given this data and statements, it is unclear why we would receive an “Approaches” finding for this benchmark.

While we believe our comments above are not citing a factual discrepancy and we acknowledge that we did not include this comment in our previous revision, we believe the finding for Benchmark 1 is misleading and not representative of the school’s performance in relation to Student Performance. Accordingly, we believe a “Meets” finding is more appropriate for this benchmark or, in lieu of that change, a finding of “N/A” (which has been done in the past when data was not sufficient to evaluate a benchmark) would be proper.

Sincerely,

Michael Grandis
Chair, Board of Trustees