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Dear Sandra:

We learned about the Curriculum Review findings and we request an opportunity to obtain feedback directly from your team to help us improve the *Leaders* program. We see this experience as a valuable learning opportunity especially because we were not able to attend the JROTC Task Force meeting.

Please know a guiding rule for us is to come from and remain in a place of peace. This means we come to each situation and interaction with an open mind and seek to reach a mutually harmonious result. I can guarantee all interactions with us will be professional and remain focused on the best interest of the students of San Francisco.

From our standpoint, we are invested in this project for the long-term. We feel strongly that there has been a major misunderstanding of our program that can be corrected. I am being completely open with you when I share that it is very hard for us to understand your report. The areas noted in your report, such as research and 21st century learning, are seen as program strengths by those who look at the same documentation your team received.

We see establishing a working relationship with the Curriculum Review team as helping everyone in the long-term. We are eager for your team to see that the *Leaders* program possesses strong service learning, community service experiences, scaffolding, lesson plans, and resources for English skills which serve the students of San Francisco.

Sandra, please know that we are extending the hand of friendship and look forward to meeting with your team.

Sincerely,

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