

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO: Dr. Jim Dalton, Superintendent, Damar

FROM: Brian Murphy, Hearing Officer RE: Damar 2015–16 Letter Grade

DATE: February 27, 2017

Finding: Damar's "F" grade should be changed to a "no grade" designation for 2015–16.

Damar Charter Academy ("Damar") is a school that serves a population of children with intellectual and developmental challenges in grades kindergarten through 12. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Education Innovation, Damar promotes the achievement of high educational standards and the full academic, behavioral, social, independent living and vocational potential of its students. In 2014-15 Damar was given a "no grade" by the SBOE because of the unique population of students it serves.

Therefore, Damar's grade should be changed from an "F" grade to a "no grade" for 2015-16, and the "no grade" should be published in accordance IC 20-31-8-6(b).