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LYCÉE FRANÇAIS ENGAGES LAW FIRM ADAMS AND REESE

Law Firm Assisting School in Public Records Requests and Litigation with Former Teacher

(New Orleans, LA) – Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans has engaged the law firm Adams and Reese LLP to represent it on general legal matters, the school’s Board of Directors announced at its regular board meeting earlier this month.

Firm attorneys Lee C. Reid and Jaimmé Collins are assisting the school in responding to numerous public record requests from The Lens, an online publication covering area charter schools. “The school needs advice and assistance in responding to these multiple requests from The Lens regarding documents from the past, and, while Adams and Reese has provided some pro bono assistance in the past, the Board agrees formal representation at this time is a good investment,” said Board Chairman Jean Montès. “Our highly qualified lawyers are now guiding us through the public records process, allowing Board members and school administrators to better focus on our forward-looking goals, including the hiring of a permanent CEO,” he said.

Mr. Reid and Ms. Collins are also representing the school, Dr. Montès, and another Board member, Paige Saleun, in litigation involving Darlene Mipro, a former teacher at the school. As is common in litigation involving schools and boards, the lawyers are also coordinating with the school’s insurance carriers.

Mr. Reid has been instrumental in the development of charter schools across Louisiana, representing a diverse array of stakeholders and dedicating numerous hours of pro bono assistance to improving the environment for charter schools in the state. His significant contributions include guiding many of the charter schools in Louisiana through the charter application process, assisting in all operational aspects, drafting legislation and policy, lobbying at the local and state level, representing charter schools on various study groups and assisting in the formation of charter school advocacy organizations.

Ms. Collins focuses her practice on commercial litigation and general business, working on cases involving contract disputes, disputes between corporate directors and shareholders, commercial insurance disputes and personal injury cases. She also serves as general counsel to a number of boards of directors and has lobbied for and against legislation that impacts education across Louisiana, particularly legislations affecting charter schools.

About Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans:

Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans is a charter school in New Orleans, Louisiana, presently serving students from PK-3 to second grade, with plans to add a grade each year through high school. It is

committed to teaching the French Ministry of Education's National curriculum in a French-immersion setting. It is authorized and supervised by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and may accept students from any parish in Louisiana. For more information, see www.lfno.org.

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