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Secretary Holcombe,

I'm writing seeking your feedback and assistance regarding a matter with Lyndon Institute. We have become aware that Lyndon Institute is actively recruiting Danville High School students. Although we understand students may seek alternative options for attending high school. We are particularly concerned and have firsthand knowledge that LI is offering reduced tuition for Danville students to attend LI. Some students are paying a fraction of the cost to attend LI than the normal rate. We know of 2 in particular. One is paying \$5000 a year, another student is paying \$200 a month to attend Lyndon Institute. When I looked into creating a reciprocity agreement within our SU, and furthermore looked at reducing tuition for our teachers to be able to have their children attend our schools at a lower rate. We were informed by the AOE that we can only do this if we offered a lower tuition rate to **all** students. Meaning that if we lowered our tuition rate for one student or a subgroup of students we would have to lower tuition for all students. Lyndon Institute sends a bus to pickup students right across from our central office, this combined with a significant reduction in tuition costs is extremely harmful to the sustainability of the Danville High School. Where Lyndon Institute is a public/private school I'm curious if they are held to the same standard as public schools in regards to reduction in tuition and recruiting students? Please advise.

Sincerely,

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