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While Ignite! Learning welcomes accountability for ensuring public school expenditures are in compliance with appropriation guidelines, Ignite! Learning has no knowledge of any customer that has procured our curriculum solutions through means which are other than completely ethical and in compliance with the typical guidelines of their various funding sources. The funds appropriated by our customers for the purchase of our curriculum solutions can readily be utilized for a variety of other vendor's products and offerings.

We at Ignite! Learning are not experts in all entitlements and funding sources which are made available to our middle school customers, however we are clearly aware that the NCLB Act has evolved into a broader mechanism for educational excellence and school improvement. Beyond the original intent of NCLB's focus on funding scientifically based, research-backed literacy programs, NCLB incorporates a broad range of responsibilities for a variety of school expenditures. These broader entitlements (the actual means by which schools purchase Ignite! and other vendors' products) have been available as appropriate procurement means for schools' use since the inception of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (1960s-era legislation) as reauthorized by the NCLB Act.

Although Ignite! Learning gained the benefit of having the private correspondence from the IG's Office addressed to CREW read in its entirety via a phone interview with NY Times journalist Ms. Marilyn Thompson, Ignite! Learning has not received any correspondence at any time from the IG's Office or CREW. Based on our understanding from this phone conversation (*Ms. Thompson stated that she could not provide us a copy of the letter to CREW; she could only read it to us*), this correspondence seemed to be a courteous reply from the IG's office simply stating they would "appropriately" look into the matter. The letter, as read by Ms. Thompson of the NY Times, did not mention any specific investigation or state, in contrast to the statements presented in the article. We certainly continue to invite communication with either or any organization.

Finally, Ignite! Learning supports and thanks its growing community of teachers, administrators and schools who have chosen to expend valuable resources for the purchase of our proven curriculum solutions. We applaud their desire to enhance their classroom curriculum environments by seeking out innovative products that support teachers and students alike.

Sincerely,

Ken Leonard
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