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## **PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DROPS SUIT AGAINST AGORA CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL**

**WEST CHESTER, PA, June 1, 2009** — Retained as attorneys for Agora Cyber Charter School in Devon, PA, Lamb McErlane PC, announced today that the lawsuit and injunction against its client brought by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) in Commonwealth Court on April 29, 2009 was officially dropped on Friday morning, May 29, 2009.

The suit alleged Agora had without authorization entered into an outside management agreement with Cynwyd Group, LLC, a management company co-created by Dorothy June Brown, one of the school's founders. The civil complaint further alleged the school had misused taxpayer dollars to benefit Ms. Brown.

Mr. Joel L. Frank, Managing Partner of Lamb McErlane, said "Agora is happy PDE decided to drop its hastily filed lawsuit after we had the opportunity to speak with them. We certainly would have preferred to have engaged in a dialogue prior to the institution of the now discontinued suit." The suit was dropped after Agora's attorneys noticed a series of depositions and served an extensive document production request.

"I am so pleased that the PDE dropped the suit so quickly. It's been a challenging time for many people, and we are anxious to focus all of our attention back on our mission of helping ignite the minds of our students so they can reach their full potential" said Kathleen Suloff, acting-CEO of Agora.

Mr. Frank continued, “Should PDE take other measures to detrimentally impact Agora, those will likewise be vigorously and aggressively defended.”

The Lamb McErlane attorneys representing Agora are Honorable William H. Lamb, Joel L. Frank, John J. Cunningham, IV and Scot R. Withers.

### **About Lamb McErlane PC**

Since 1948, the law firm of Lamb McErlane PC has provided a comprehensive menu of sophisticated legal counsel to the suburban Delaware Valley, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to national Fortune 500 companies. With the dedication and customization of a boutique firm, its 30 practitioners offer expertise in litigation, municipal law, municipal finance, business law, estate planning, personal injury, criminal defense, environmental law, and family law. Its litigation practice is particularly renowned for its Post-Trial and Appellate Advocacy Group, led by former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice William H. Lamb. For more information, please visit [www.chescolaw.com](http://www.chescolaw.com).

### **About Agora Cyber Charter School**

Since its inception in 2005, the Agora Cyber Charter School has been offering Pennsylvania students in grades K-12 an exceptional learning experience. Based on decades of education research, this curriculum packages high quality lessons with mastery-based assessments that ensure students achieve success at each and every level. The Agora Cyber Charter School is one of the fastest growing schools in PA, now enrolling over 4,400 students. Experienced, state-certified teachers are available online and by phone. The high-quality, tuition-free public education enables parents to focus their time and attention on interacting with and supporting their children. For more information, please visit [www.k12.com/agora](http://www.k12.com/agora)

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