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Councilman Zine Outraged Over Ivy Academia Charter School's Negligence

(Los Angeles) - While most Los Angeles Unified School District students dealt with the nervousness of beginning a new school year today, problems at the Ivy Academia School in Woodland Hills prevented students and teachers from entering the facility. Councilman Dennis P. Zine, who is the City Councilmember for this area, is outraged.

The Ivy Academia School has failed to undergo the required City safety inspections needed to guarantee the structures safety. Among the required electrical and mechanical inspections, the school has also failed to undergo, or pass, the required Building and Safety and Fire Department inspections. Without these inspections there is no guarantee that the school would be able to withstand an earthquake or other emergency. The safety and stability of the school's structure can not be promised.

"It greatly disturbs me that the Ivy Academia developers, who claim to have the best interest of children in mind, would open a school that places their students and teachers in harms way," said Zine. "The safety of our children and educators is paramount."

The school, which should have opened their doors today, had to send students on a field trip to avoid brining them inside the structure. These events have greatly frustrated Councilman Zine, and local parents who have purchased uniforms and other materials for the start of the school year.

Should Ivy Academia fail to pass the mandated inspections the school will loose their charter and students will be relocated to an area LAUSD School.

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