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Hi Valerie,

I hope that things are going well and you're enduring this crappy weather.

Sorry to ask a potentially annoying question, but I am curious about something CSP related and was hoping you may have some insight.

I am aware that Maggie Thurber of Finn Academy reached out to you last week expressing some frustration, and that you gave her the good news that the CSP contract was forthcoming. She received it and her lawyer delivered it on Tuesday, at which point she was told that standard practice was a 4-6 week wait for getting permission to access the money.

At the same time, I spoke with Kevin Brennan from Bronx Better Learning 2 this morning, and he indicated that they were approved to start spending any time.

Do you know what the delay might be for Finn? If you would prefer to discuss by phone, that would be great. I am here until 5:00 or all day over each of the next three days. I know that Maggie is very upset because they are essentially insolvent, but I think it's also frustration due to lack of clarity about when/how/why things are happening the way they are. This is in no way a comment about the work that you and Blair did – it's about the whole system. I'm just trying to understand as well, so I help the Institute update their new schools RFP and guidance (what I'm working on until I leave), we can anticipate some of these issues.

Thanks so much and hope to speak with you soon.

Best,

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