



Joe Baird

June 14



Please get this message out to parents who are still suspicious of CCPS and the theory that they are secretly trying to close MCA.

CCPS has more than enough information from the Fishbane report to close MCA. They could have and should have closed the school already. Yet they have not.

I was told by a reliable source that the DOE is flabbergasted as to why CCPS hasn't already shut them down. They can't believe it.

CCPS really does want to see MCA stay open under new leadership.

There is no conspiracy.

Some parents will never be convinced otherwise, but there are plenty who are sitting on the fence and unsure. Spread the message to those parents.



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Christopher Durst We discussed the FL statute that would allow for the takeover of a cancelled charter school....the paperwork and time frame is "scary", but if we could work with CCPS before they pulled the trigger, maybe it could be cut to a very short time frame. Thoughts?

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Joe Baird I think it can be done, but I don't know.

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Olivia Durst Another parent told me that Adam Miller at FLDOE told her this exact thing when she spoke with him on the phone. 😞.

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Juliette Bloom Lysiak 🛡️ **Christopher Durst**, I think it's vital that someone starts the process at least. The sooner the paper is started the nearer the finish line becomes

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Sheri Ojanovac Dorta So do you think it would be safe to assume that if the June 30 deadline passes and Hillsdale bails, the CCPS may take action? It seems like the Hillsdale ultimatum was the final olive branch.

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Olivia Durst **Sheri Ojanovac Dorta** I'm a little concerned about that as well. I feel like CCPS was hoping we as parents/coupled with Hillsdale, could force the board's hand to do the right thing, but if we fail- their hand may be forced to be the bad guy. I truly believe they don't want the school to close and that is what Jen Mitchell on the board told me as well, but the board may give them no choice. 😞

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Sheri Ojanovac Dorta **Olivia Durst** this has been my feeling since the ultimatum came out. With all of the violations I just can't see CCPS allowing it to continue.

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Cindy Walker-Palladino I agree with **Joe Baird**. They are not out to close down MCA - just the leadership. My surprise is the autonomy this board has. How can get them away from our school?

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Joe Baird Close the school and reopen with a new charter.

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Michele Wothe Caswell **Joe Baird** I doubt it would be as simple as that. You have the contracts, lease, loans, etc...not to mention the charter application process.

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Joe Baird **Michele Wothe Caswell** - Certainly not simple to be sure. I know it can be done, and I know it can be fast-tracked. I've talked to enough of the right people to know it can happen if the right players are on board. And in this case, the right players are on board. CCPS and Hillsdale are working together and both want to see MCA stay open. I don't know much more than that.

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Cindy Walker-Palladino [Christopher Durst](#) I know you and your wife had been in touch with the Donald's. May not be appropriate to get their ideas on this or? I'm just not sure...

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Olivia Durst [Cindy Walker-Palladino](#) we didn't really discuss we more just wanted her opinion on the whole thing- exploring all sides. I'm not sure the masses would agree with getting her involved again 🙄

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Olivia Durst But to be clear, it would not bother me lol

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Cindy Walker-Palladino [Olivia Durst](#) yeah - I totally understand that. I respect her input and I know her and Byron to be honest and genuine. But they e been through a lot with this

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Christopher Durst [Cindy Walker-Palladino](#) There was concern about The Donald's from some parents. We don't know them other than a few conversations. So, I think we need everyone's input before bringing them in to the fold.

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Cindy Walker-Palladino [Christopher Durst](#) yeah that was me who pointed that out at the parents meeting. My view was that I wasn't sure if it were right to pull them back in to help... 😊. Although I would love it

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Cindy Walker-Palladino [Christopher Durst](#) agree

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Juliette Bloom Lysiak  Agreed that CCPS does not want the school shut down. [Margaret Harrison Longo](#) asked Erika her thoughts in the topic. This is what Erika said.(I asked Meg if I could share before I wrote this). Now I don't think the CCPS board doesn't know there job so they must not want to shut the school down. I don't think they're trying to pass the buck either. I think Kelly is in for a world of hurt if she doesn't step down. I think she's stalling to cover some tracks or something.





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Christopher Durst Juliette Bloom Lysiak it's definitely better PR for CCPS to let the parents do the work to get them out. Then everyone isn't screaming about the evil school board (as much) and CCPS doesn't have to expend resources on a fight if they do pull the charter.

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Juliette Bloom Lysiak Agreed

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Tracy Phillips Leeber Would the new Charter try and get Hillsdale? I have been in vacation and seen bits and pieces. Lots to go through. Shouldn't first goal be keeping them? Sorry if repetitive. I really wasn't overly concern about school closing.

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Juliette Bloom Lysiak Yes Tracy Phillips Leeber I believe everyone is in agreement about getting Hillsdale

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Juliette Bloom Lysiak Also if you have a moment and haven't already watch the board meeting that took place Thursday. It is posted on this page

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Brian Thornburg I have reason to believe CCPS is already in communication with Hillsdale

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Joe Baird Brian Thornburg They are.

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Robyn Domes Mathias Ccps is not trying to close the school. They are trying to get Kelly out!

They are trying to get Kelly out.



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Astrid Melz [Robyn Domes Mathias](#) I agree with you. All admin needs to go. And we are in desperate need of new leadership. They were all in this together. No doubt.

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🔒 **Jen Breen** Does it matter what CCPS wants? [Joe](#) you seem to be saying that FLDOE is angry that CCPS hasn't done more. One may think that FLDOE trumps CCPS. Has anyone heard from them personally (no hearsay anymore please) regarding what they plan to do about it?

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Joe Baird 🔒 [Jen Breen](#) - I don't know what the official position of FLDOE is, what they plan to do, or what authority they have. What I was trying to describe was the personal reaction of certain members within the FLDOE when the Fishbane report was released.

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🔒 **Jen Breen** [Joe Baird](#) I'm extremely interested to hear their official position.

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Ashley Tucker Stacell 🔒 [Jen Breen](#) my understanding is that they don't have the authority to do anything because MCA is not a failing school. The contract is between MCA and CCPS.

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Joe Baird [Ashley Tucker Stacell](#) MCA is currently in breach of contract in several areas. That gives CCPS the right to terminate them right now regardless of how well they may be performing. Also the FERPA violations put the schools funding at risk which gives the DOE the ability to shut them down by pulling their funding.

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Ashley Tucker Stacell [Joe Baird](#) Yes, I understand that.

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🔒 **Jen Breen** [Joe Baird](#) so you do know what their authority is then.

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Joe Baird Jen Breen - I don't.

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Jen Breen **Joe Baird** you just said they have the ability to shut them down. Before you said you don't know their authority. Those two statements are contradictory. I just want the facts. I should probably try again to reach them on Monday. Again, I feel in the dark and like having all the facts.

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Joe Baird Jen Breen I'm not a lawyer - that's why I said I don't know their authority. I'm basing what I say on page 48 of Jon Fishbane's report in which he quotes the law: "No funds shall be made available under any applicable program to any educational agency or institution which has a policy or practice of permitting the release of education records..."

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Jen Breen **Joe Baird** no, but you were on the board. I would think you'd perhaps have an understanding and if not, you'd know the person we could get the facts from. I'm going to stick with trying to obtain the facts from FLDOE.

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Joe Baird Jen Breen Try to get in touch with Adam Miller. <http://www.fl DOE.org/schools/school-choice/contact-us/>

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Jen Breen And Jon Fishbane also admitted he has no idea what their own power is. He would have to research it. Would love to hear what he came up with. How the attorney for CCPS doesn't know the laws pertaining to the their own work is baffling.

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Jen Breen **Joe Baird** tried. Will again on Monday. I know others have tried. Was hoping someone could tell us if he responded.

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Joe Baird Jen Breen - It's tough getting information. Nobody is under any obligation to share anything with us in that regard as far as I know. I'm sure Adam Miller is being flooded with requests from concerned parents, and I don't know how easy it will be to get his ear.

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Jen Breen **Joe**, I'm starting to realize that. Very unfortunate parents have to hunt for answers from the "powers that be".

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Joe Baird Jen Breen For what it's worth, I couldn't get Adam Miller's when I filed this complaint. That's what you're up against.

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Ashley Tucker Stacell **Joe Baird** That is 100 perfect fact about Adam Miller. And no to anyone who asks...I'm not saying who told me that.

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Ashley Tucker Stacell State cannot just take money away from a single school....money flows from state to county to schools.

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Joe Baird Jen Breen - By the way, I'm not sure about this, but I think the reason that CCPS is uncertain about their authority is because they have never kept a charter school open and replaced the board. I believe that's an unusual case, and they probably have no experience in that area. Surely they know their authority when it comes to shutting down charter schools. I believe they've done it in the past (iGeneration in Immokalee).

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Jen Breen **Joe Baird** I'd agree with that, but they SHOULD have been looking into this matter during the investigation. They should have known by the time they presented their investigation, knowing that people would ask them.

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Joe Baird Jen Breen Agreed.

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Sheri Ojanovac Dorta Jen Breen for all we know, maybe they have been looking into it. Maybe they wanted to give the board and admins a chance to step down on their own before taking more direct action. We all just have to see

how this plays out in the next week or 2.

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Jen Breen Sheri Ojanovac Dorta possible, sure. I've never been very good at sitting quietly or patiently, with zero control in the situation.

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Sheri Ojanovac Dorta Jen Breen I hear ya!! My stomach has been in knots for a week over this mess.

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