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**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 2:10 PM  
**To:** Oliva, Jacob  
**Subject:** Tomorrow's Conference Call at 11:30  
**Attachments:** Jacob Oliva Talking Points.docx

Mr. Oliva:

Thank you for your willingness to chat tomorrow at 11:30 regarding my concerns with Mason Classical Academy in Naples, Florida. As we only have 30 minutes scheduled, I wanted to provide you with a bullet point list of items I feel important to discuss. It is my hope you might find a few minutes to briefly scan these items prior to our call.

I look forward to a robust discussion.

Regards,

Matt Mathias  
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- July 29, 2016: Due to "strained" relations between the MCA Board of Directors and the original Parent created "Teachers" support group (called "PTCA"), the "PTCA" decided to unwind and close. At the time, the "PTCA" made a contribution to "MCA" in the amount of \$30,000.00, which represented the balance of funds raised by the PTCA through various fund-raising events. \$10,000.00 was designated SPECIFICALLY to purchase a "sun shade" to be installed over top of playground equipment which was discussed to be purchased and installed for the younger students....and \$20,000.00 was to be gifted as a "naming opportunity" for the new "theater" area being constructed at the time. Neither the 2017, nor the 2018 audited financial statements for MCA notate the \$10,000.00 restricted gift (to purchase a sunshade - yet to be purchased)
- June 30, 2017: MCA Audited financial statements reflect a total of \$3,293,359 in total long-term liabilities. June 30, 2018: MCA Audited financial statements reflect a total of \$2,294,210 in total long-term liabilities. This reflects a principal reduction of roughly \$999,158. The reduction of principal was applied to loans currently accruing at 9%...with mostly maturity dates in 2021. The 14% loan does not mature until 2028. Further, in November 2018, once again, there was a principal reduction of long-term liabilities of at least \$361,473...which paid off loans accruing at 6.5%, with maturity dates mostly in 2024. Outstanding today is an 8% interest accrual loan and a 14% interest accrual loan...with maturities in 2027 and 2028 respectively. With the recurring capital revenues from the local district...or with the excess of budgeted revenues over expenses (two-year average of \$1,089,839), why in the world would one choose to pay-off 6.5% and 9% accrual loans and leave a loan accruing interest at 14% untouched?
- According to the 2017 and 2018 audited financial statements (MCA's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years of operations), they CONSISTENTLY miss-budget by LARGE margins. In 2017, they miss-budgeted by 20% and in 2018, they miss-budgeted by 17%. They are not missing the budget by 5%, 6% or 7%...we are talking 20% and 17%....and after 5 years of operations??? It's not like it's their first or second year and they were more hypothetical budgets.
- May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Landlord e-mailed KL and DH an offer regarding the main school campus and the adjacent property. He offered to (used hypothetical numbers as example) invest \$5MM into improvements in the adjacent property (irrigation, soccer fields, playgrounds, some sort of gym) and to lease the improved property at attractive lease terms. The kicker is that at the end of the 25-year lease...the entire property became property of MCA...free and clear OR, if he were to pass away prior to the 25-year lease expiration date, the property became the property of MCA...FREE AND CLEAR. The gentleman is 75 years old.
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – KL sent an e-mail communication to the entire school community, filled with factual errors, misrepresentations and defamatory/libelous language.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> – One of the concerned parents at MCA conducted a survey on the MCA Community Facebook Page, a page vetted by MCA administration to ensure they should be members of the group. Of the 550+ group members, 235 responded. The methodology reflected a highly representative and accurate sample. This same parent presented the findings to the MCA Board of Directors during their 3-minute public speaking time. The results were as follows:



78.72% of the respondents answered: "I feel strongly that Mason Classical Academy should keep their affiliation with Hillsdale College and I am prepared to lose our current leadership."  
 8.94% of respondents answered: "I feel strongly that Mason Classical Academy should keep their current leadership and I am prepared to lose MCA's affiliation with Hillsdale College".  
 12.34% of respondents answered: "I have not yet made a decision regarding MCA's leadership or Hillsdale College's Affiliation". This was a very telling survey and report to the MCA Board of Directors. HOWEVER, here is what the June 13<sup>th</sup> MCA Board of Directors meeting minutes note on the subject: "Christie Lewis: Two children have attended since day one. She is a marketing researcher. Felt there might be a silent majority not speaking out so she created a survey and presented the results of her survey. She asked questions regarding Hillsdale affiliation, current leadership, families intentions going forward... She submitted her paper." That's it...that is the extent of the meeting minutes regarding the subject...they didn't even add the survey results document (provided to the MCA BOD) to the publicly posted minutes.

- June 26<sup>th</sup> – KL sent an e-mail communication to the entire school community, specifically identifying a group of 107 parents who signed an open letter to Governor Desantis, asking for his help in our situation, as an "evil" and "angry mob" trying to "destroy our wonderful school".
- August 5<sup>th</sup> - Private Parent meeting (web conference) – Regarding a "School Advisory Council": Kelly Lichter: "So that's why we're staying away from a more formal organization... in my opinion the best way would be to have somebody act more as like a parent liaison that you know there's like one line of communication between the board, school, and the parent group. Um, so it's not like some vote or we need to get office insurance. I think someone brought up "how does the flow of communication work?". To me that seems like the easiest, most simple - again, the less rules and things we have the better to me would be a successful group because what happened before was a complete nightmare (the former PTCA) and we don't want to go down that road again that's for sure."
- August 6<sup>th</sup>: MCA Board meeting. No supporting documents (Mediation Settlement Agreement). After the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, a supporting document was added to the meeting minutes...it was Joe Whitehead's contract. Joe Whitehead's contract wasn't discussed in public until the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. As a result, if someone were to research this issue today, it provides the illusion there was a supporting document regarding Joe Whitehead's contract discussed at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting...which never happened. Further, the Mediation Settlement Agreement, which WAS discussed at the August 6<sup>th</sup> MCA Board Meeting, has still not been posted for the MCA community.
- August 8<sup>th</sup>: MCA Board of Directors meeting agenda listed: "D. Mental Health Allocation": with no supporting documents. The Board discussed, voted on, and approved the Mental Health Allocation (it's a document whose wording changed). After the meeting, MCA changed the meeting agenda, item D. to Attorney Roles. The Mental Health Allocation document is still not publicly posted and the agenda NOW does not show the item at all. For the unassuming public, this item didn't take place were it not for a board meeting video taken by a parent.
- August 8<sup>th</sup>: The MCA BOD meeting agenda noticed to the public reflected a 9:00 AM start time in the Agenda header. People showed up to the meeting at 9:00 AM and/or joined a Facebook live



streaming video at 9:00. In reality, the meeting started at 8:00 AM and was completed by 9:00 AM. The MCA BOD has gone back and CHANGED the meeting agenda to reflect a 8:00 AM start time.

- August 8<sup>th</sup>: It is my understanding, as part of the verbal discussions of mediation, Hillsdale College was to remain as an "education partner" ...in accordance with the original MCA Charter Application/Charter Contract. At the August 8<sup>th</sup> MCA Board of Directors meeting, the board spoke about the relationship with Hillsdale in very negative terms. Further, they retained council in order to send a letter to Hillsdale, referring to Hillsdale's letter to MCA dated August 6, 2019. The attorney letter restates the fact that the "contractual" relationship between MCA and Hillsdale had been terminated on August 5, 2019. Further, it goes on to read, "However, we will accept your letter as an offer to negotiate the terms of a new relationship with MCA. If you would like to discuss it please do not hesitate to contact eh undersigned" ...which was signed by the attorney.
- August 8<sup>th</sup>: At the MCA BOD Meeting, they agreed to hire additional council to begin to review ways to amend the original charter application/charter contract.
- August 8<sup>th</sup>: According to the new grievance policy at MCA, parents would be required to waive FERPA rights if their grievance was not resolved by the Grievance Committee and, therefore, was to be presented at the full MCA governance board. FERPA rights are rights and by law cannot be waived simply because the BOD of a Charter School places it in their grievance policy. It is my understanding that we will be asked to sign that new grievance policy.
- August 8<sup>th</sup>: Conrad Wilkomm was presented at the August 8<sup>th</sup> MCA BOD meeting as a new board candidate. During closing "board member remarks", Mr. Wilkomm was permitted to provide remarks (although he was not yet a board member). In his remarks he stated very clearly that "families not happy with MCA" should just leave.
- August 12<sup>th</sup>: As of 9:04 AM, on MCA's Website - school's staff page, David Hull was still listed as Principal and Joe Whitehead listed as Asst Principal. As of 8:50 am on Tuesday Aug 13, the first day of school, Principal Hull had been removed from the Staff page and Joe Whitehead's listing was modified to Assistant Principal (interim Principal). By 2 pm, Principal Hull had been added back into the Staff page as Student Services. As you know, David Hull announced his resignation as Principal...now to be back in the school as a teacher. This employment should negate SEVERAL of the "cured" items presented by Shawn Arnold (MCA attorney) to the Collier County Public School District.
- There are many, many MCA parents who have been "censored" from posting comments, or even "liking" other posted comments on the MCA Community Facebook page, administered by MCA (its official, public FB page).
- August 15<sup>th</sup>: Elected Conrad Wilkomm to the Board. No mention of a 5<sup>th</sup> Board member candidate.
- August 15<sup>th</sup>: After adding the subject to the Board of Director's meeting the morning of the meeting (wasn't posted so public would be aware), the MCA BOD consistently misrepresented a



letter to Governor Desantis. Spending over 5 minutes on the subject, they repeatedly referred to the letter as an "accusation" of child abuse at MCA...completely taking the letters comments out of context. They referred to the letter as a "false accusation" and "smear campaign". This continues their drumbeat of dividing parents by bullying, intimidating and pushing out families that oppose this leadership group.

- Main deception point: The 8-15-2019 agenda has not been modified to show Bolduc's added agenda item for an update to the Governor's Letter by Joe Whitehead. **Note:** the 8-8-2019 agenda WAS modified **post-meeting** to add Bolduc's added agenda item for "Attorney Roles" ... but that's the item that replaced the "Mental Health Allocation" agenda item. So ... why are they not following the same process at this point and modifying the 8-15-2019 agenda to reflect the correct agenda? Was the 8-8-2019 modification a cover-up? Either way, the 8-15-2019 agenda has not been updated with his last minute agenda item add so there is no agenda or supporting document record that this item was discussed.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting: They reported enrollment at 892. As part of the discussion, DB asked if there was a "goal". Nope, no goal for enrollment. My question is, if you have NO goal on your enrollment, on what do you base your budget? Maybe this explains why they have mis budgeted by 17% and 20% in the last 2 years.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting: They have transitioned their "independent" investigative attorney, Michael Coleman to more of an "advocate" for MCA...then discussed Coleman interviewing those mentioned in the "Fishbane Report" as a "point/counterpoint" exercise. They then announced the hiring of a 3<sup>rd</sup> advocate firm, based in Tallahassee (which has turned out to be a "political consultant"). So, that's 3 firms...AND a Charter School Consultant (Jody Perry) also mentioned in the meeting. Really? Why would such a high achieving charter school need to hire 2 different law firms, a political consultant AND a Charter School Consultant???
- August 15<sup>th</sup>: KL continued her drumbeat started at the August 8<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting, suggesting many parents chose to take their children out of MCA because of a group of parents spreading "misinformation". She blamed this group for doing damage to the school. Factual data reports the vast majority of people left because of the MCA BOD leadership's lack of adherence to the 8 pillars of virtue and to Hillsdale College's waiver of maintaining a relationship.
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Whitehead (Asst Principal) sent e-mail to parent who originated and sent the "Desantis" letter aforementioned. JW's e-mail suggests the author of the Desantis letter (along with all the co-signers) were making an accusation of child abuse. I assume you've seen the letter mentioned. This misrepresentation by the MCA BOD, particularly emphasized in the August 15<sup>th</sup> MCA BOD meeting, is divisive and is contrary to any "cure" efforts to create a more harmonious MCA Community.
- According to the newly amended "MCA Grievance" policy (up for MCA BOD approval on August 26<sup>th</sup>), whomever submits a grievance that arises to the MCA Board Level (Step III in the process), must accept MCA BOD's decision as the "final word" on the matter...and must waive any right to bring action under "FERPA".



**Subject:** Phone Call with Matt Mathias; RE: Mason Classical  
**Location:** Chancellor will call: 239-404-3945

**Start:** Fri 8/23/2019 11:30 AM  
**End:** Fri 8/23/2019 12:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Organizer:** Oliva, Jacob

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**From:** Matt Mathias <mattmathias@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** Oliva, Jacob  
**Subject:** MCA - E-mail #1  
**Attachments:** Aug 5 private parent mtng.m4a

Mr. Oliva:

Thank you again for your time last Friday, I genuinely appreciate your willingness to hear my voice of concern over the happenings at Mason Classical Academy.

I'm not exactly sure the best way to send you all the information, documentation we discussed last Friday. So, I figured I would send an item or two at a time.

Attached is a snippet of a recording of a web conference of a small group of parents and Kelly Lichter...held on August 5, 2019...on the heels of the mediation settlement.

It is our understanding, not only as part of the "cure" document provided by Attorney Arnold, but in other various communications, it was agreed that MCA Board of Directors would act in accordance with the Pillars of Virtue of MCA, and more specifically adhere to the "Pillar of Respect", which a Board Member is called to sign.

When one listens to Board Member Lichter's comments, in which she contends there are a group of parents who are "undermining THE SCHOOL" but yet are still sending their kids there, and further goes on to suggest this undermining "can't continue" and these parents are making it difficult for all to "enjoy the school", she is breaching the "Pillar of Respect".

This is a recurring theme for Board Member Lichter. First, she claims CCPS is "undermining" the school. Then, she claims the education partner, Hillsdale College, is undermining the school. Now, it's a group of student's parents who are undermining the school.

Her continued drum beat of asking those who are unhappy to "just leave" is exhausting. This IS a public school...whereby the MCA Board of directors have obligations to their sponsor, their education partner and the parents of those who attend the school. To continually point out and blame your various stakeholders is a clear breach of the "Pillar of Respect" which was to be "cured"...or so says Attorney Arnold's "Cure" document sent in e-mail from to Jon Fishbane on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

If you need this "cure" document, I would be happy to provide.

This is the first of several e-mails I will be sending.

Is there someone to whom you suggest I also "cc" on these e-mails?

Please advise.

Regards,

Matt Mathias  
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7/31/2019



**From:** Matt Mathias <mattmathias@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:39 AM  
**To:** Oliva, Jacob  
**Subject:** MCA - E-mail #2  
**Attachments:** Coleman Letter.jpg; Policy SE 53\_0 Grievances.pdf

It is my understanding, at the mediation between MCA and CCPS, it was agreed (though not written in the mediation settlement agreement) Hillsdale College would continue to be the education partner of MCA, consistent with the charter application.

I offer to you several examples of how MCA is behaving in a way which is contrary to this unwritten "understanding". First, attached is the letter from MCA Attorney Coleman, written to Hillsdale College. Essentially, the letter is written in a way to disregard Hillsdale's efforts to adhere to the unwritten understanding the organizations would work together again.

Further, in all MCA Board of Directors meetings held since the mediation settlement, August 6th, August 8th, August 15th and August 26th....Hillsdale College was not discussed as a potential education partner. Rather, as can be heard in the August 15th and August 26th meeting in particular, MCA is hiring a specialized firm to "amend the charter school application". One is left to wonder if the amendment would include the elimination of Hillsdale College as an education partner, as the MCA Board meetings are not clear on just what amendments are under consideration???

It is also my understanding there may have been a particular individual in mind to join the MCA Board of Directors, although not specifically written in the Mediation Settlement Agreement. Again, in all MCA Board Meetings since the mediation settlement, this board member candidate has NEVER been mentioned. One is left to ponder if they are genuinely interested in meeting the unwritten, yet understood, arrangement reached in mediation.


Grievance Policy: as a result of the difficulties experienced by the MCA Board of Directors, by MCA Parents holding them accountable for their actions and behaviors, have amended the "Grievance Policy" at MCA. Attached is the "proposed" Grievance Policy language, which determination was added as a "Consent Agenda" item at the August 26th MCA Board Meeting. I draw your attention, particularly, to the final "step" of mediation. The Policy is written such that the aggrieved must waive their FERPA rights in order to address any unresolved grievance to the Board of Directors. I find this mandate appalling and certainly flies in the face of my rights as a US Citizen, not to mention a Florida resident and taxpayer. This still is a Public School, isn't it. How can they possibly get away with individuals waiving their FERPA rights...just to resolve a grievance they may have?

More information forthcoming under separate cover.

Regards,

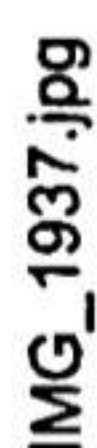
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**From:** Matt Mathias <mattmathias@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** Oliva, Jacob  
**Subject:** MCA E-mail #3  
**Attachments:** 2019.06.20 Ltr to Governor DeSantis with Report (AS SENT).pdf; 2019.07.10 Emails with Joe Whitehead.pdf; JW e-mail - August 22 2019.jpg; 2019.08.23-Caswell-email-chain-with-Whitehead-re-Governor-Letter (1).pdf

At the August 15th MCA BOD meeting, David Bolduc added discussion regarding a letter sent to Governor Desantis, signed by 107 parents. At the meeting, the entire MCA BOD and Joe Whitehead (interim Principal) made an erroneous and malicious claim that the letter to Governor Desantis contained allegations of child abuse at MCA...and further suggested this claim of child abuse was made in a smear campaign effort.

I share with you all correspondence regarding this matter.

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1. The original letter as sent to Governor Desantis
  2. An e-mail exchange between Joe Whitehead and Michele Caswell (the author and sender of the letter) in early/mid July regarding the letter, with the first erroneous and malicious suggestion the letter alleged child abuse at MCA.
  3. An e-mail sent from Joe Whitehead to Michele Caswell after the August 15th PUBLIC MCA Board of Directors meeting (the meeting where David Bolduc, et al PUBLICLY stated multiple times this erroneous claim about the Desantis Letter.
  4. An e-mail sent by Michele Caswell as a follow-up to Mr. Whitehead's e-mail, REQUESTING her response be deemed Pubic Response to the August 26th MCA BOD meeting regarding the subject.

Now, please try to understand the situation. A LARGE group of concerned parents asked for Governor Desantis' intervention. The MCA leadership misstated that letter publicly to the MCA Community...suggesting very serious accusations, which were NEVER levied. Then, when confronted with the truth and asked to that truth to be made public, they remained SILENT on the issue.


I can't express a more clear example of the bullying and misinformation tactics used by this ROGUE group of individuals who sit as "BEACONS OF THE PILLARS OF VIRTUE" atop Mason Classical Academy's leadership team. This is the culture which has been embedded within this BOD. It is unconscionable that a group of unscrupulous and dishonest individuals are presiding over an \$8.5MM Florida tax payer funded budget.

I can add multiple examples of how agendas were posted for a 9:00 AM start time...only to start at 8:00 AM and conclude at 9:00 AM...just as people were arriving. (described in my original communication)

I can add examples of our historical agendas have been altered/changed well after meetings took place...one can assume only for purposes of any future review "missing" actual items discussed. (described in my original communication)

And the coup de grace is David Hull. Again, he resigned as Principal. This point was made MULTIPLE times in the July 3rd Attorney Arnold "cure" document...as a "Cure" for MULTIPLE issues identified. Then, after the





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Lastly, I have added the 2018 audited financial statements. If you'll notice, they aren't spending NEAR what revenue they have coming in. They are not investing in teachers as they could...they are not investing in facilities as they could...they are not investing in any type of improvements as they could. Why? This is a NOT FOR PROFIT entity, whereby revenues are determined by enrollment...not too difficult to determine. Why aren't they building the expense side up to invest in the improvement of the school?

It's a mystery to me how these three individuals, now four, are able to behave and act as they do...with, seemingly, no accountability to ANYONE. How is that possible, with Florida taxpayers fitting the bill??

One more e-mail to come.

Regards,

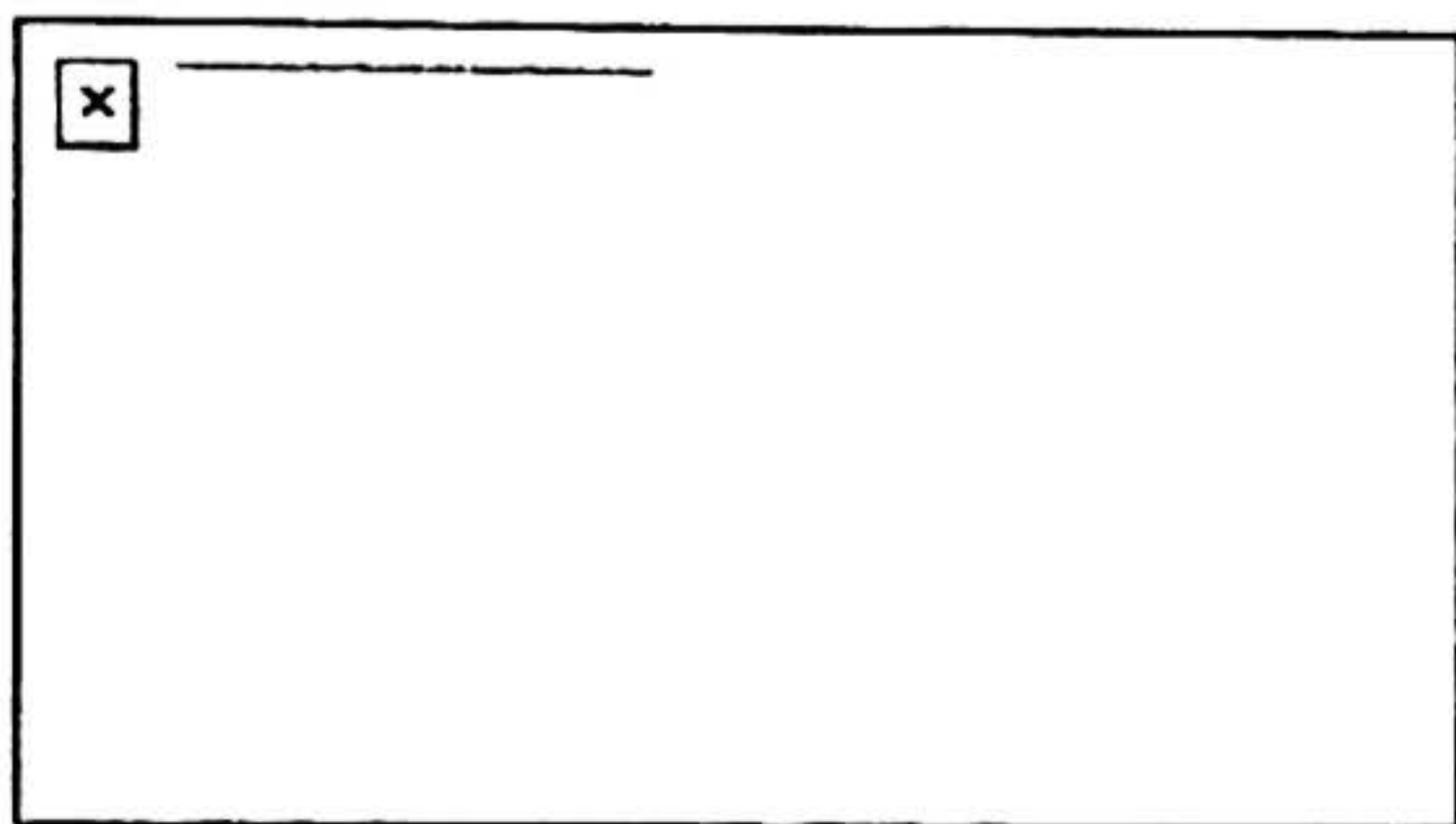
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**To:** Oliva, Jacob  
**Subject:** MCA - E-mail #4

Attached are 4 different YouTube video URL's (17 minute increments) of the August 6th 2019 MCA Board of Directors meeting. In my communications to you, I have referenced the various BOD meetings....I intend to ensure you have them as support of my comments.

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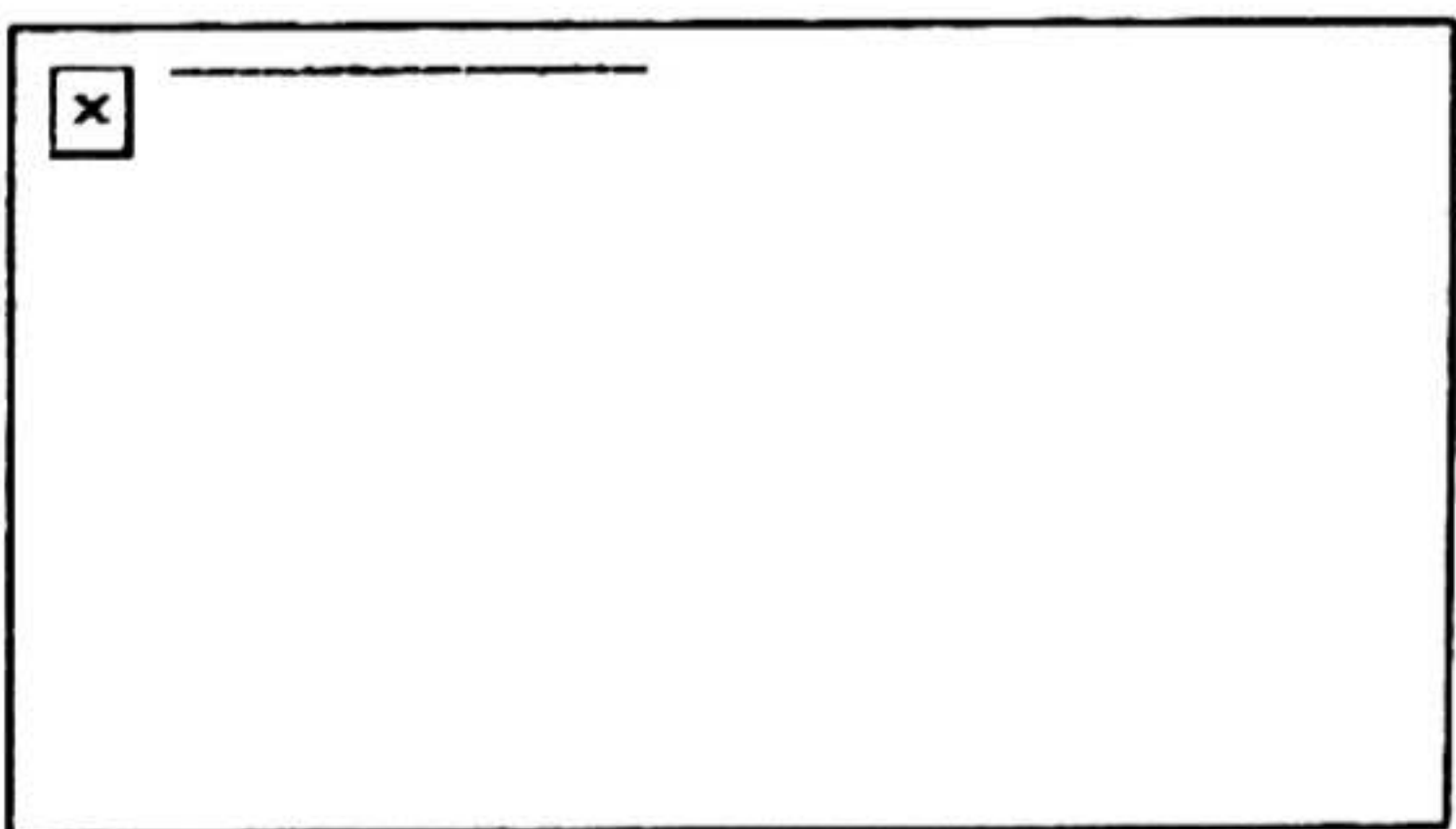


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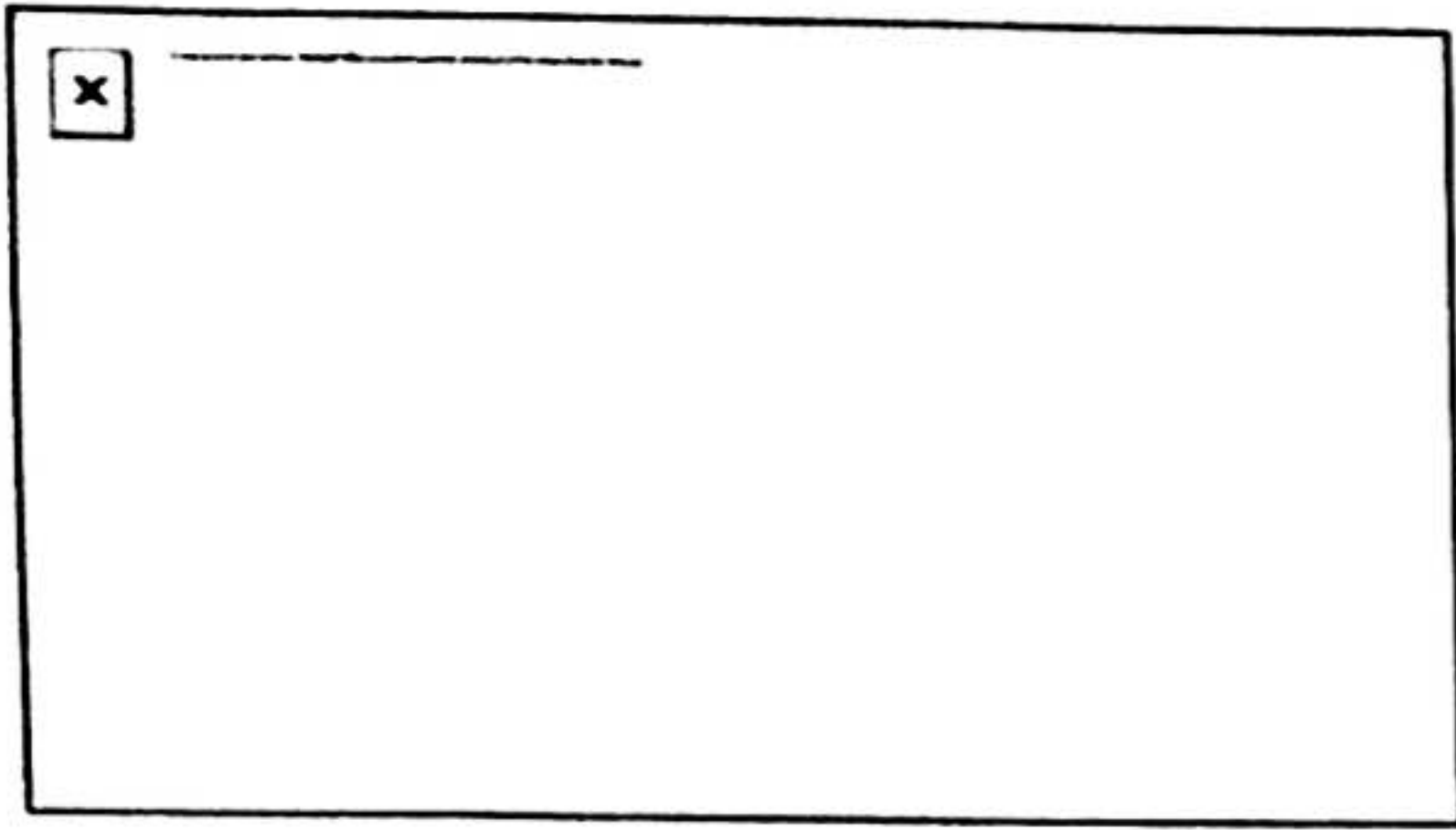
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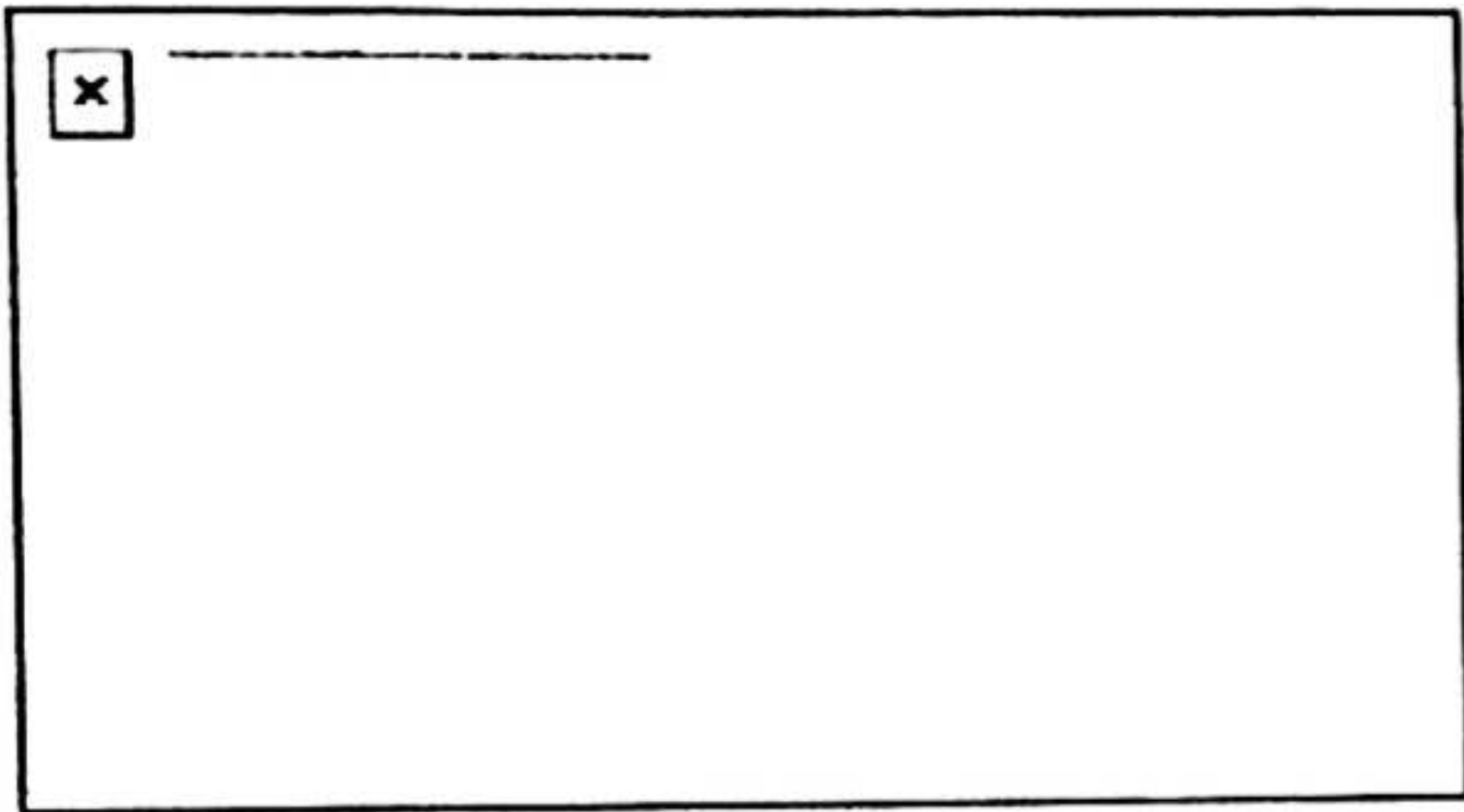


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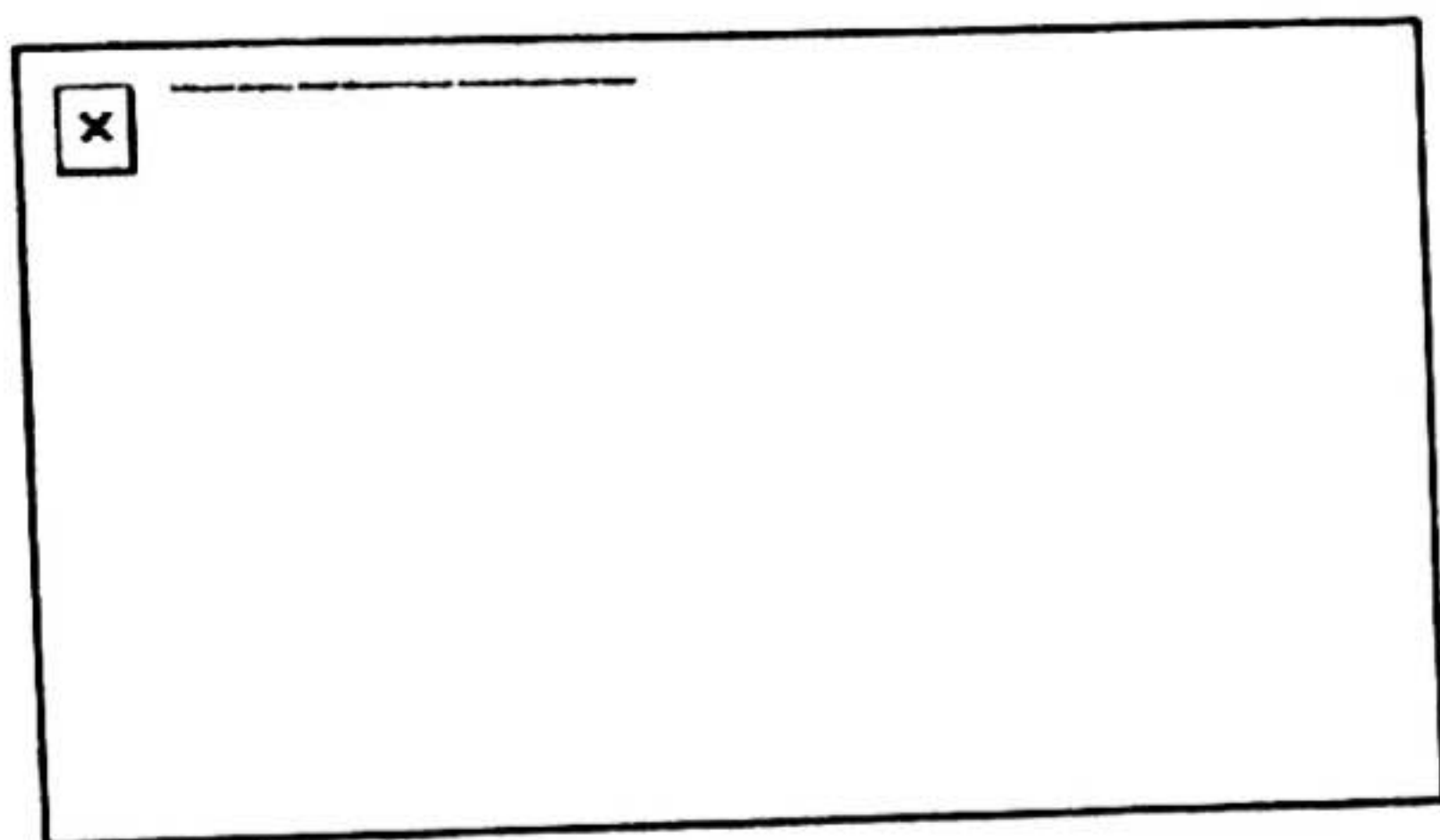
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**Subject:** MCA E-mail #5

MCA Board of Directors Meeting: August 8th, 2019....broken down into 17 minute increments

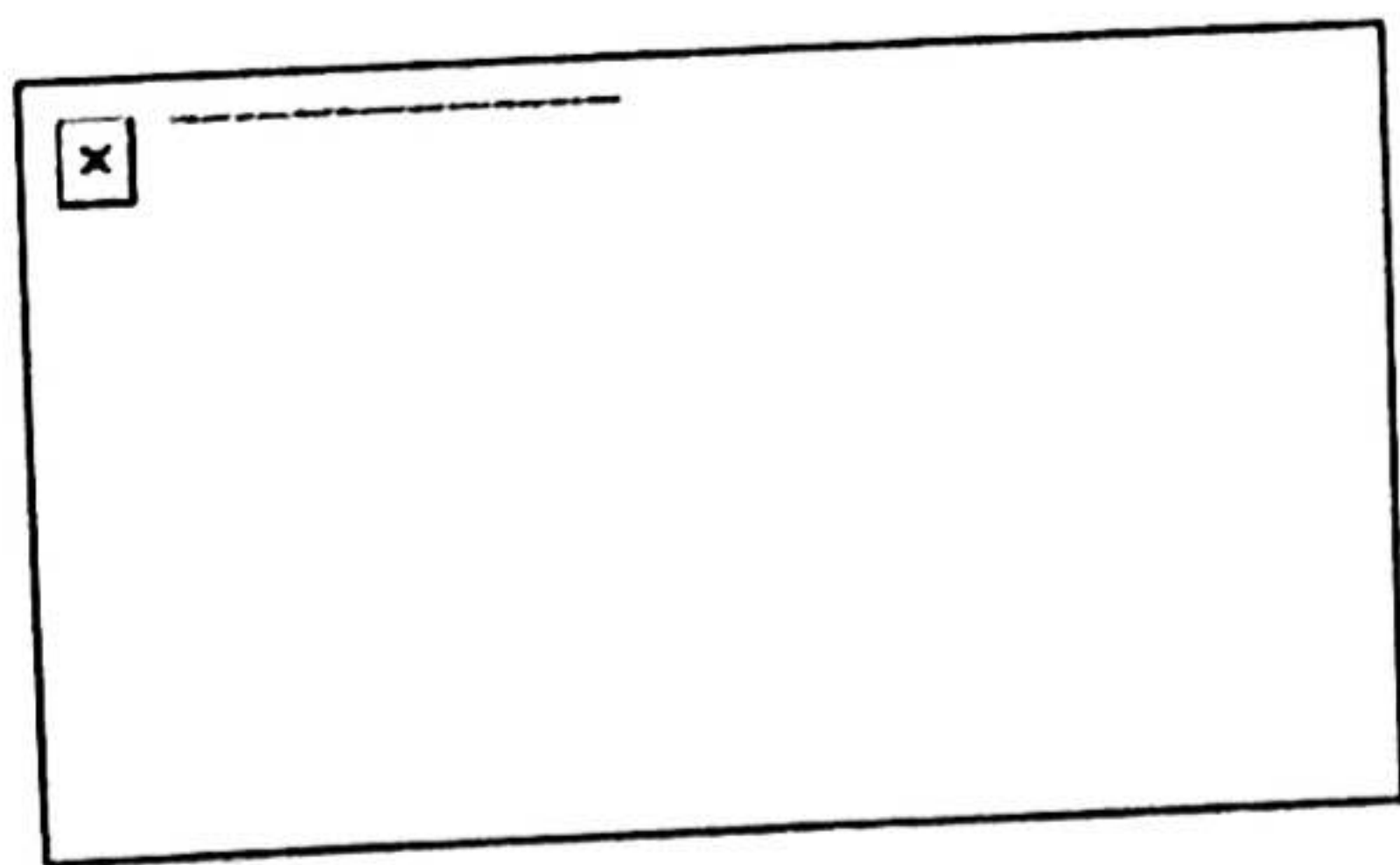
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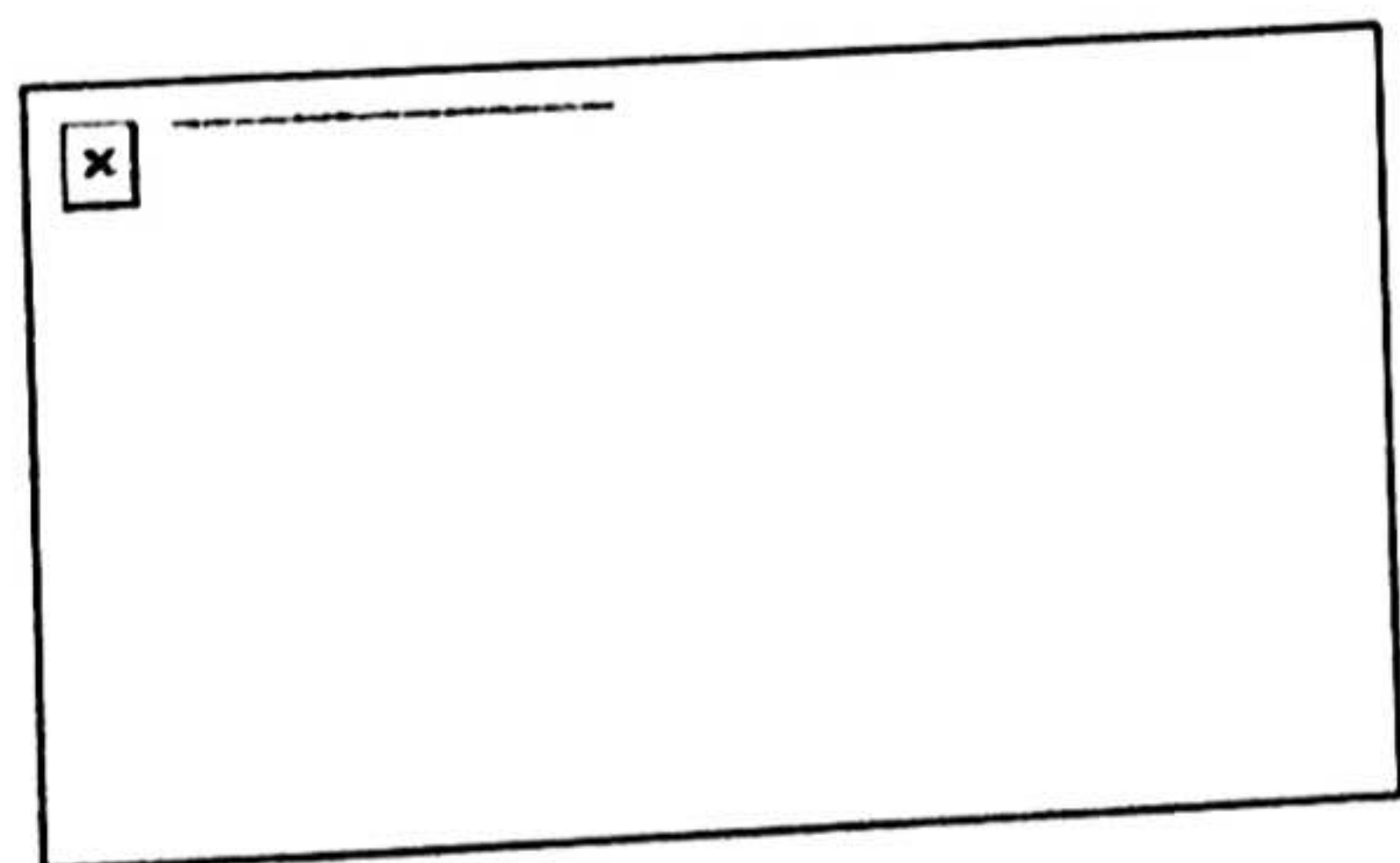
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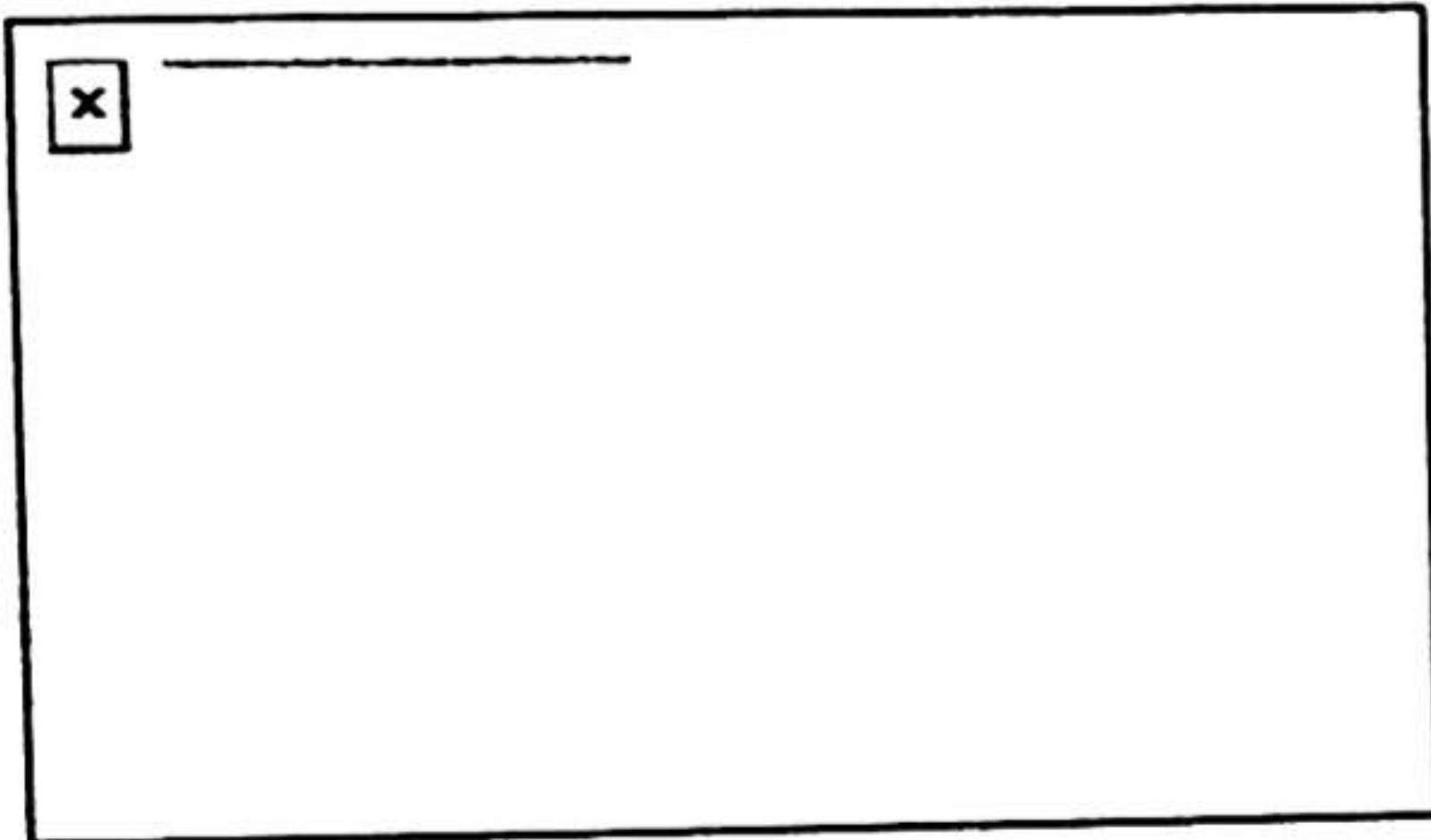
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**To:** Oliva, Jacob  
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MCA Board of Directors meeting - August 15, 2019

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**To:** Oliva, Jacob  
**Subject:** Re: MCA E-mail #7

Good morning, sir.

Thank you for circling back and confirming receipt of all the e-mails.

I'd also like to make sure to communicate one more point.....these issues are not new to this leadership team. These behaviors and this culture have been emanating for 5 years. The notion of ignoring any "District" obligations (and in actuality, tormenting them at every turn), denigrating relationships with investors, breaking relationships with Founding Families, ignoring recommendations from the education partner, thumbing noses at critical agreements (written or otherwise), ruining the relationship with the Landlord and the city of Naples, etc.... the list goes on and on. These individuals have alienated any and all stakeholders...and all the while appearing to be accountable to none.

I hope we can find a pathway to reconstitute the existing MCA Board of Directors...or replace MCA with another Classical Charter School, in partnership with Hillsdale College!!

Lastly, let me offer you, or any of your designees, my help in any way....please don't hesitate to ask.

Regards,

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**From:** Oliva, Jacob <Jacob.Oliva@fldoe.org>  
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**To:** Matt Mathias <mattmathias@msn.com>  
**Subject:** Re: MCA E-mail #7

Hi Matt,

I wanted to let you know that I have received your emails. I am sharing with our legal team who is working with the school and the district. Thank you for sending.

Take care,  
Jacob

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**From:** Matt Mathias <mattmathias@msn.com>  
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**Subject:** MCA E-mail #7



MCA Board Meeting - August 26, 2019

They interviewed three Principal Candidates. Afterward, there was discussion about hiring another law firm to "protect" MCA. They are talking to a law firm who specializes in going after "corrupt governments". These comments began roughly at the 1 hour and 19 minute mark.

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**From:** Oliva, Jacob  
**Sent:** Friday, September 6, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** Matt Mathias  
**Subject:** RE: Mason Classical Academy

Thank you for sharing.

**From:** Matt Mathias [mailto:mattmathias@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2019 4:40 PM  
**To:** Oliva, Jacob <Jacob.Oliva@fldoe.org>  
**Subject:** Mason Classical Academy

Mr. Oliva:

I'm sorry to continue to pester you with these ongoing issues....but here is yet ANOTHER example of the unscrupulous behavior of David Bolduc...a Board Member for Mason Classical Academy.

Cliff notes version:

At the 8/8/2019 MCA Board of Directors meeting, Mr. Bolduc referenced texts messages and phone conversations with a Hillsdale College donor. At the 8/15/2019 MCA BOD meeting, the 8/8/2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved....which referenced Mr. Bolduc's comments.

On 8/21/2019, a concerned parent did a public records request for the texts referenced by Mr. Bolduc. Having received no response, this parent followed up this request on 9/5/2019, to inquire as to the progress of his request.

Let me pause for effect and express my understanding that conversations have been ongoing with the Collier County Public School District, the State of Florida Department of Education and Mason Classical Academy...as recently as Friday, August 30th...correct??

Notwithstanding these communications...after receiving this 9/5/2019 follow up regarding the Public Records Request...SOMEONE at MCA has gone back into the previously approved 8/8/2019 MCA BOD meeting minutes and ALTERED the APPROVED minutes regarding the language pertaining to the texts.

Mr. Oliva, as one can clearly see, these individuals are dishonest, they are unscrupulous, they continue to mislead and misstate factual data...and now they are even going back and ALTERING previously approved Board Meeting minutes (a record of the historically communicated facts), all the while on the heels of these critical communications with Collier County School District and the Florida DOE.

I'm left to wonder: HOW MANY OTHER DOCUMENTS HAVE THEY GONE BACK AND CHANGED??? Clearly, they have no issue reaching back into history and altering written, approved materials.

I'm no lawyer, but these alterations, in my view, are clearly a breach...if nothing other than their fiduciary duty and/or the public's trust. A breach of state statutes, I do not know? Regardless, these behaviors should NOT



be allowed to continue. These individuals are either lying to the public and exaggerating the truth to support false narratives, or they are intentionally hiding the truth.

The attached Powerpoint document contains supporting documentation.

Thank you for your continued interest in this situation.

Best,

Matt Mathias  
239-404-3945

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7/31/2019



**From:** Oliva, Jacob  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 6:14 PM  
**To:** Matt Mathias  
**Subject:** RE: Mason Classical Academy Board of Directors - yet ANOTHER breach

Hi Matt, don't apologize for reaching out. I send your information to our legal team and we appreciate it. Thanks –Jacob

**From:** Matt Mathias [mailto:mattmathias@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** Oliva, Jacob <Jacob.Oliva@fldoe.org>  
**Subject:** Mason Classical Academy Board of Directors - yet ANOTHER breach

Mr. Oliva:

I submit yet another breach of fiduciary duty, public trust and potential legal violation.

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You remember the letter sent to Governor Desantis on June 20, 2019 (copy attached)....you remember the 8/22/2019 MCA Board of Directors Meeting where this letter was discussed and the MCA BOD accused the signors of the letter (a group of MCA parents) of a smear campaign and alleging some sort of child abuse using words like "fabricated" "false"...and reiterating how IMPORTANT it is to get to the bottom of the "accusation" and "allegation" (meeting can be found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5lshwLgQQI#action=share> minutes 4:39 though 10:00).

Mr. Joe Whitehead did follow up on 8/22/2019 with an e-mail to the author of the "Desantis Letter"...and the author responded on 8/23/2019 (JW e-mail and response attached). Please pay particular attention to the request from the author that her e-mail response, which included the following language: "This email is submitted, and should be accepted, as my "public comment" for the upcoming August 26, 2019, MCA Board of Directors meeting."

Well, the August 26, 2019 BOD meeting took place (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGFtmOa7Vjg#action=share>) ....NEVER A MENTION of this response from the author during the entire meeting. Further, the author response e-mail has not been added as an attachment to the 8-26-2019 meeting minutes.

A September 6 MCA Board Meeting took place (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQZyRPDkDGw#action=share>) ...NEVER A MENTION of this response from the author during that entire meeting.

AMAZINGLY....the matter has seemingly DISAPPEARED with NO public record of any response from the author of the letter.

These Board of Directors continue to pick and choose what makes its way into public view and what doesn't.



Mr. Oliva....these behaviors are not changing in the slightest....regardless of the microscope these folks have put themselves under and regardless of their "cure letter" dated July 2, 2019, wherein the MCA Governing Board REPEATEDLY commits they have remedied these types of issues.

Again, my apologies for my continuing outreach to you and your team.

Regards,

Matt Mathias  
239-404-3945



**From:** Oliva, Jacob  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 9:05 AM  
**To:** Matt Mathias  
**Subject:** RE: Mason Classical Academy

Thank you for the update. I will share with our team at FLDOE. Thanks –Jacob

**From:** Matt Mathias [mailto:mattmathias@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 8:45 AM  
**To:** Oliva, Jacob <Jacob.Oliva@fldoe.org>  
**Subject:** Mason Classical Academy

Good day, Mr. Oliva....I hope all is well with you/yours?!?!

It's been a few months since I've relayed, what I feel, is important information to you regarding Mason Classical Academy, particularly the actions of its Board of Directors.

It is my understanding the current MCA Board has disregarded any "unwritten yet understood" action items it was to have taken post mediation. You are likely more familiar with the verbal commitments made, which have been subsequently ignored. So, I won't go in to my perspective on the immoral/unethical behaviors of the current MCA BOD regarding those particular matters.

However, I wanted to ensure you were aware of the current "make-up" of the School Advisory Council created as a result of the mediation. Well, it is comprised exclusively of the existing MCA Board members. I'm not sure of the legalities of this framework, but is in unconscionable to me. This cavalier, brazen and bold positioning is simply more evidence of their lack of ability to comprehend the true nature of leadership. Its so much of an "in your face" move, I simply am stunned.

In addition, I've learned just today, at the next MCA BOD meeting, the MCA BOD will review a "Revised Charter Application" (draft attached), which I only assume will be submitted to the Collier County School District for approval. The very first glaring revision is the elimination of Hillsdale College as an educational partner. I'm shocked (although I guess I shouldn't be) this group is walking away from such a significant resource and critical depository for "Classical Curriculum Best Practices". To have access to this engaged partner, and its extended network via the Barney Charter School Initiative, is such an amazing attribute, I find their departure appalling.

Sadly, I perceive no cultural changes at the MCA Board of Directors. They continue to be the "poster child" as to what is WRONG with charter schools and school choice. Sadly, the opposition to the filing of an additional classical curriculum charter application in Collier County is being strongly ridiculed due to the malfeasance of the MCA Board of Directors. Never have the opposition had such "fodder" from which to draw in their fight to deny school choice.

Humbly,

Matt Mathias