

Smith, Tammy

From: Kelly, Alex
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 3:20 PM
To: [redacted] chs, Jared; Emerson, Adam
Subject: RE: [redacted] s suspension

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Kelly, Alex <Alex.Kelly@fldoe.org>
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] suspension

Another story.

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted]
Date: Jul 1, 2019 at 1:56 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] suspension

Hi [redacted]

Below is the email thread I had with Whitehead and Hull. This includes quotes.

I also have, not included in this email, an exchange with Lichter.

All were not professional and disrespectful.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Thanks,

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From:
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 7:12 PM
To: Emerson, Adam
Cc: Kelly, Alex; Ochs, Jared
Subject: Re: suspension

Adam, After talking to you and the MCA parents who met with Mr. Fishbane today, I think the best course of action is to have parents with grievances speak with Fishbane instead of you and Jared.

As you stated, DOE does not have the authority to close this charter and if there are parents who have had situations occur with MCA leadership, they really should take that information to CCPS.

Thank you so much for your time today, I truly appreciate it and your willingness to listen.

On Jul 1, 2019 at 3:39 PM, <[Adam Emerson](#)> wrote:

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From: [redacted]
Date: Jul 1, 2019 at 1:56 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 1:21 PM
To: ron.desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Commissioner
Cc: Miller, Adam; Kelly, Alex
Subject: Fwd: Principal's Final MCA Talking Points

Dear Governor DeSantis and Commission Corcoran:

I have forwarded the latest correspondence from David Hull, soon to be former principal at Mason Classical Academy, which was sent to the entire school. In his email, he implies that he is a victim and that a "small group" of parents are causing disruption and chaos. I can assure everyone that is not the case.

I apologize for sending these emails; however, they do paint a picture of the kind of people we are dealing with at the administrative level at MCA. Mr. Hull claims he has not made a penny on his consulting endeavors; however, according to his contract with St. John's Classical Academy, he stands to make 8.5 percent of the gross funds that St. John receives starting August 15. He also repeatedly calls [redacted] a bully. I find that ironic given that Mr. Hull is still in a powerful, leadership position with every MCA parent's email address at his fingertips, and [redacted] is just one man. [redacted] simply wrote a response to Mrs. Litcher's email dated June 19, 2019. Apparently, if you go against Mrs. Litcher and/or Mr. Hull, you are a bully and are called out to the entire school.

I implore you to please remove Kelly Lichter, Laura Miller and David Bolduc from the MCA board. As a parent of three children enrolled at MCA, I fear for them because I am 100 percent certain that they will be targeted, along with the other children who's parents signed the letter to Gvernor DeSanits last week.

Again, thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

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From: Mason Classical Academy <dhull@masonacademy.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 12:54 PM

Subject: Principal's Final MCA Talking Points

To: -

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From: School Choice
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 9:25 AM
To:
Subject: RE: A message from Kelly Lichter

Dear

Thank you for contacting the Florida Department of Education. Commissioner Richard Corcoran has asked our office to respond to your correspondence regarding Mason Classical Academy.

The Department is aware of the concerns with Mason Classical Academy. We are monitoring the matter and looking forward to the sponsor and charter school coming to an amicable resolution. We appreciate you reaching out and keeping us informed of the happenings at Mason Classical Academy.

Again, thank you for contacting the Florida Department of Education.

Sincerely,

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 10:09 AM
To: ron.desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Commissioner <commissioner@fldoe.org>
Cc: Miller, Adam <Adam.Miller@fldoe.org>; Kelly, Alex <Alex.Kelly@fldoe.org>
Subject: Fwd: A message from Kelly Lichter

Hello, My name is [redacted] and I am a parent of [redacted] who attend Mason Classical Academy (MCA) in Naples, Florida. I am forwarding the latest e-mail correspondence from MCA Board Chair Kelly Lichter regarding her view of the dire situation at MCA. In her letter, you will read how Ms. Lichter blames Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) and a "small group of parents and former parents.....an angry mob" on the demise of MCA. I am one of the parents who want the current MCA Board to resign per the request of Hillsdale College and CCPS. In fact, I am one of the parents who signed a letter to Governor DeSantis requesting his assistance to remove the MCA Board immediately. My children attended MCA because of the outstanding Hillsdale curriculum, and it pains our family that the school will most likely close its doors due to a rouge board. I thought it was important for you all to read the type of correspondence Ms. Litcher sends out to the entire school. Her email is full of false information and veiled threats to the parents who are trying desperately to save this school. I hope you take the time to read this information. Thank you.