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Mr. Coleman,

On July 26th, Shawn emailed Bileca and copied me on the email, "I have had several conversations with Lois Tepper over the past few weeks regarding Mason. She encouraged me to speak with you today about a conversation she had with the Commissioner and his proposed solution which involves you." Solution? Why is Bileca part of the proposed solution?

It was on this day that I was informed about this deal from Richard Corcoran. I said I would personally agree to it if Corcoran makes a strong public statement against CCPS (I sent you proposed statement). That never happened. I emailed you about this "deal" on July 26th. Please note that I did not go to FDOE for help personally. In fact our board filed a complaint against CCPS with FDOE, and they sent it back to CCPS. I made several phone calls to multiple offices at FDOE, especially Corcoran's. No call back. No acknowledgment from them.

Richard Corcoran called me the night before mediation, and he said he wanted two things:

1. Bileca as chair for a year
2. Hillsdale to stay involved

I told him that these were board decisions, and that I did not think the board would support Hillsdale staying involved. I am to honor MY agreement? It is not MY decision! I made it very clear that I would personally support it if Corcoran made a strong statement against CCPS. I also made it VERY clear that these decisions would be up to the board. How was this important piece of information missed?

Further, CCPS wanted Bileca part of the settlement agreement. Shawn said no and that it was illegal. It is a HUGE red flag to me if CCPS wanted it. Why would they want it part of the settlement agreement? Perhaps they and Corcoran know the plan. There has to be a real reason why they want him as chair and not just a board member. And what is the real reason they want Hillsdale involved?

I am NOT interested in playing politics and sacrificing my principles for these politicians. If I thought this was in the best interest of the students and the school, I would agree to it, but it is not. We were damaged greatly because of politics, money and personal agendas. Hillsdale certainly hasn't helped us in the last two years, and we can't pretend they haven't done anything. They are primarily responsible for the damage. I know for a fact that Bileca communicates with Larry Arnn, because he told me that.

I guess if we don't play the political game, they will look the other way when CCPS goes for termination, which is still the plan. If we do not file a lawsuit next week, it is inevitable that this school will be terminated and not because it is a bad school. They are willing to sacrifice the children for political purposes. It makes me sick.

Finally, I am disappointed that our board was not informed about this call with FDOE in advance. I added FDOE to our next meeting agenda, so that we can discuss this as a board. I believe our only hope

is to file a lawsuit against Erika Donalds and send out litigation hold letters to the cast of characters directly involved with her. I think we will learn a lot in the depositions.

I have a screenshot from Tracy Phillips Leeber. She is not only Erika's neighbor, but they are good friends. Tracy still sends her kids to MCA. She said, *"I have read all the Florida Charter school statutes, ethics, our charter application in 2012, our charter extension and CCPS already has enough to close us. Hillsdale removal is final thing they can't ignore. That is why Fishbane, Mitchell, Hillsdale is telling us we have to do it. This is an unprecedented situation. CCPS can only close a school. Email Richard Corcoran and tell him to have Desantis read our letter. We all should send him an email to help us get board removed and save our school."* Juliette Lysiak responded, *"Someone in this group has connections pretty high up. I was told yesterday that the governor has seen the letter. Pray he acts swiftly."* I have another screenshot from Robyn Mathias. Her husband Matt works directly with Fishbane and was aware they were going for termination prior to the meeting notice. She said *"if CCPS closes the school under the current leadership, it is going to keep the school open and give the opportunity for somebody else to run the school and Hillsdale will return."* How does she know this? I don't think she just made it up.

We were set up and damaged greatly. I strongly believe Erika, Hillsdale, CCPS, some parents and landlord Doug Schumann are involved. I believe you and your firm are our only hope. MCA needs your help. Thank you!

Regards,
Kelly Lichter, President

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