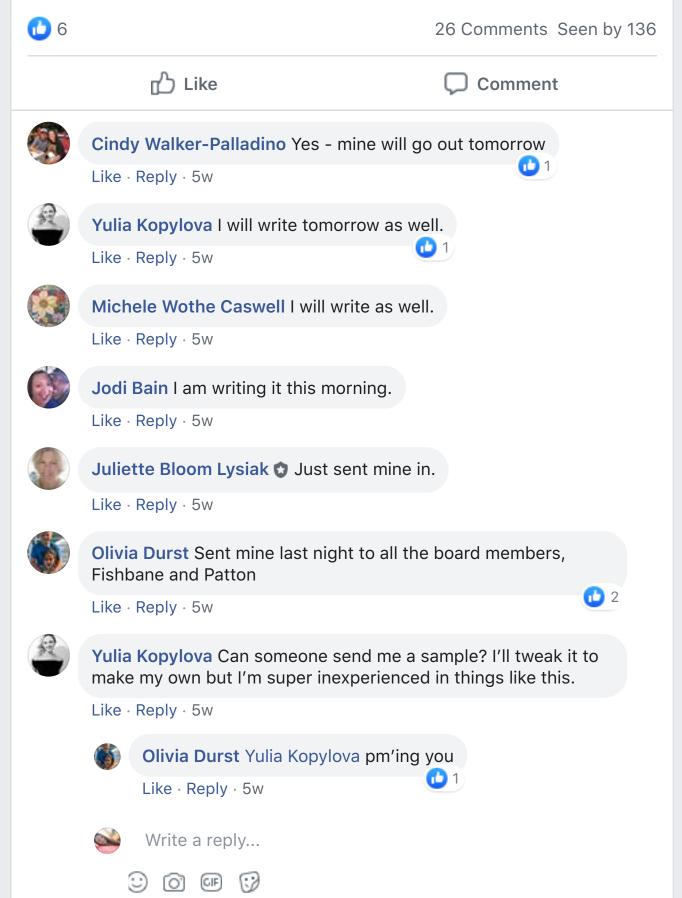


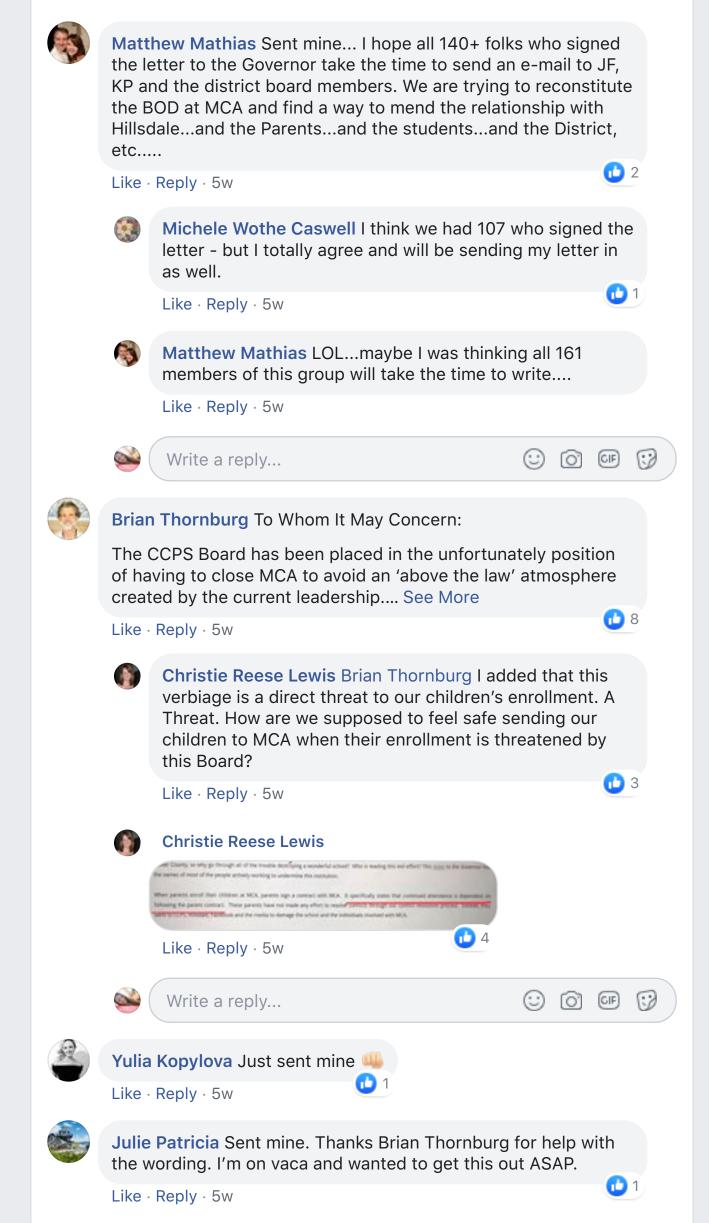
## **Tamara Murphy Switken O Admin** · July 7

KL is urging people to write, everyone in the group, please do so. Supporting the academics, Hillsdale and teachers but the need for new Leadership.

Again, this will turn into a numbers game. She has a much bigger reach than this small group.

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The 36th President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson said, "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."

This quote can certainly be applied to the Mason Classical Academy dilemma that the school board, the parents, and the students are facing today. It is a sad day for educators, parents and students that it has come to this, but tomorrow, with new leadership we can win.

As a parent of two daughters who attend the school, I have always taught my children to respect their teachers, well any adult for that matter. It is very difficult to do when the adults charged with leading the school are acting like children. There has been an unnecessary division created by the MCA Leadership. Parents want answers. If they did something wrong, they need to take responsibility for their actions. Allow this amazing school to continue under new leadership. As a professional myself the behavior of these educators is lacking a moral compass for doing what is right. We have talked to the leadership and gotten nowhere, we have participated in meetings to understand what is going on with the plans for improvement, finances, and future. We have done public records requests and have been stonewalled with every request. Working in the government, I know this is unacceptable and against Florida State Statue 119. As a last resort, over a hundred parents signed a letter to the Governor to assist us in changing

our beloved school. As a result of my name being on the letter to the Governor, I received a letter from Kelly Litcher. The letter in summary threaten my children of expulsion. This letter has impacted my children's view of leaders, a real shame. My children are focused on school during summer break. Will the school they love still be open? Will it be under new leadership or will the curriculum change? As a charter public school stakeholder, I would expect nothing less than honesty and transparency. Unless there is a way for the school board to remove the current leadership, it breaks my heart to say it, but I support the school being closed. However, if the currently leadership is removed or resign, I commit to assisting the school to rebuild, implement best financial management practices, instill transparency in everything we do and to embrace to role of a leader to be a shining example for the students in which we serve. I am asking as a parent, that you please allow MCA to stay open as a classical charter school with new leadership so the students, parents and facility can heal together and work with Hillsdale College to achieve the education to many families desire and with a solid foundation. Best, Jodi Bain					f
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