

I am so sad for all of the families, staff, community members and board members who have fought so hard to keep this school open and were willing to continue the fight. I am so sad for the students who love this school, who will now need to find a new school. I am especially sad for the students and families who really need this alternative school, both now and into the future. I am also personally really sad. I have put so many hours into PCM, along with former and current board members and staff. PCM was a vision and a dream and is a need for our community.

I thank everyone who has joined us in supporting the school – past and present board members, families, staff and our partners, especially Gladish and WA Charters, and Jeneille, our interim Head of School. We have worked together through many challenges and built a strong community.

I am disappointed in myself. I vowed to fight on through the appeal process, yet here we are. At times like this, the head must rule the heart.

After many hours of thought and consultation with legal and financial advisors, our current board members decided that appealing the revocation notice is not in the best interest of our school community. In a nutshell:

- The commission seem to have made up their mind already. The chance of a successful appeal seems very small.
- The appeal process will be very costly at a time when funds are low.
- We have no control over the appeal timeline. We do not want to be in a state of uncertainty throughout the summer and beyond. This would not be good for current staff and families, and future enrollment.
- Even if we successfully appeal the revocation, we do not yet have the commission's permission to move from a 2 staff per classroom to a one staff per classroom model. We know that our 2 staff per classroom model is financially unsustainable.
- Even if we successfully appealed the revocation decision, our financial situation would be insecure. With razor thin margins, we could not guarantee that we would have enough money to cover contingencies. This might lead to a mid-year closure, which is worse than closing at the end of this school year.

We are so sorry to disappoint those who were counting on us to fight the appeal. We are so very, very sorry.

Now, let's finish the year strong and celebrate all of the learning and friendship that has occurred this year.

My hope is that there will be an opportunity in the future for a new charter school in Pullman. If that opportunity arises, I will be a huge supporter. I hope you will be, too, regardless of whether you have school aged children or not.

Sincerely,

Beverley Wolff