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Rebecca Walker
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Dear Becky:

I wanted to address the letter that CCSA has sent in a little more detail. I have major concerns with it as I feel it is inaccurate and I would like to point out why. I would also like to say that I have gone over these points with CCSA to no avail and I really don't think they are interested in what I have to say on the matter.

1. They say we are ranked in the bottom 5% statewide. I have no idea what this means. I have seen no evidence of this and when I asked about it they said it was a weighted scale that they create. The CDE shows rankings for us up through the 15-16 school year and we went from a 2 ranking to a 5 ranking out of 10. Neither is great, but it shows an improvement and it's not in the bottom 5%. I was able to find another site (School Digger) that puts our school at #2563 out of 5656 schools in California. With an improvement of moving from #4405 to #2563. The California dashboard also shows that we increased our English Scores by 40.3 points last year and our Math Scores by 8.7 points. So, however they created their ranking, I don't think it reflects our true position.
2. They say the NWEA data is inconsistent and I do not agree with that. I've shown them the average scores for cohort groups over the last 3 years and it shows out of 21 group scores 2 scores dropped, and 2 are N/A. Otherwise, all of the other testing shows consistent growth.
3. They criticize us for not tracking students after college? I didn't realize we needed to do that? Does anyone do that?
4. They say the other way to measure our quality as a school is to take our program as a whole and look at dropout rates, suspensions, and our EL program. Well, our dropout rates have been reported inaccurately in the past and I told them that. In reality, we have had 1 dropout in 3 years! They say our dropout rate is too high? That does not make sense. We had 0 suspensions and we reclassified 3 out of 9 EL students. I think those are good numbers.

I really think one of our biggest challenges is our size. We try to do a lot with a limited amount of enrollment. It's hard to create a model that will work for everyone, and I think



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we need to rethink our model. I have the reports and numbers to back up everything I am saying here, and I can provide those or meet with anyone on those numbers. Once I became aware of the inaccuracy of the dropout rates I tried to fix those numbers, but the state has certain windows when that can be done. So, for now, those numbers will show. But we track our students and even though CCSA mentioned we don't know what is happening with our 8th graders, nothing could be farther from the truth.

CCSA states that they urge the authorizers to put students first and we agree with that. How will our students be served if we aren't here for them? That's not a slight on FBUSD, it's just that we are the only authorized alternative, and our families are looking for an alternative. CCSA consultants live in large metropolitan areas where there are many charter schools. I don't believe they really have a good understanding of our community.

I hope this information helps. Please let me know if more information is needed.

Sincerely,

Roger Coy
School Director, Three Rivers Charter School