

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Oversight of Charter Schools Authorized by Ventura County School Districts and Ventura County Office of Education
Report Date: April 6, 2020
Response by: Cindy McCarthy Title: Assistant Director

FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the Facts / Conclusions numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Facts / Conclusions numbered: R-01 R-04 R-05
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Facts / Conclusions that are disputed; including an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)
- Recommendations number _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a time frame for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered R-01 R-04 R-05 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: 6-15-2020

Signed: Cindy McCarthy

Number of pages attached: 1



June 15, 2020

Dear Mr. Hurst and Ms. Margolis,

This letter outlines Bridges Charter School's response to the Ventura County Grand Jury's Report dated April 6, 2020 and received by our school on May 21, 2020. The following are our responses to the inquiries posed:

In regards to C-01 R-01, R-02 and R-03

In our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) it states,

The Charter School agrees to include a VCOE representative "observer" at all of the Board of Director meetings of the Charter School. This "observer" shall receive all relevant board agenda materials including minutes and supporting material in advance of said board meetings but will not be considered a member of the Charter School Board of Directors. VCBE may require that the Charter School amend the governance structure to include one member selected by the VCBE to be placed upon the Board of Directors of the Charter at a later date, and to set the status and rights applicable to the newly named member.

This clause in the MOU and attendance by the Director of Charter School Support and Oversight from VCOE at the majority of board meetings as well as attendance by our administration at bi-annual Charter School Director's meetings is sufficient in addressing the communication needed to maintain proper oversight as outlined.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Cindy McCarthy
Assistant Director
Bridges Charter School