

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Oversight of Charter Schools

Report Date: April 6, 2020

Response by: Jacqueline Gardner Title: Principal / Director

FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the Facts / Conclusions numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Facts / Conclusions numbered: _____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Facts / Conclusions that are disputed; including an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-01, 02, 03 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 R-04 require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered R-05 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: 4/24/2020

Signed: Jacqueline Gardner

Number of pages attached: _____

Recommendations Already Implemented

Recommendation Number	Recommendation Text	Summary of ITCS Actions	Implementation Date
R-01	<i>The Grand Jury recommends that VCOE, in conjunction with charter schools and district authorizers, collaborate to review and enhance the current VCOE oversight checklist/timeline utilizing the FCMAT suggested guidelines for oversight.</i>	Since it's founding, IvyTech has followed the FCMAT timeline and guidance for reporting all required oversight items to our chartering agency, and district representatives. The school has always satisfactorily fulfilled all reporting and auditing requirements.	Fall 2010
R-02	<i>The Grand Jury recommends that VCOE, in conjunction with charter schools and authorizing districts, develop a consistent, comprehensive and regularly scheduled oversight process for all County charter schools.</i>	IvyTech has a well established reporting regimen and robust working relationship with our Chartering Agency and County Office of Education. IvyTech regularly reports to MUSD's school board, and includes District Officials on all state mandated reporting requirements.	Fall 2010
R-03	<i>The Grand Jury recommends that VCOE periodically conduct meetings to be attended by all charter school authorizers in the County. These meetings are to collaborate and provide training, review new education legislation, share best practices and highlight successes.</i>	IvyTech regularly participates with inservices, professional developments, and policy update meetings hosted by VCOE. School officials participate in district-led collaboration meetings between all county Charters. Through these key relationships the school keeps abreast of the latest developments that come from the County Office of Ed, and best practices gleaned from the local Charter community.	Fall 2010

Recommendations Not Yet Implemented

Recommendation Number	Recommendation Text	Summary of ITCS Actions/Plans	Implementation Date

Recommendations That Require Further Analysis

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R-04	<i>The Grand Jury recommends that each existing charter school's governing board have at least one official representative from the authorizing district or VCOE.</i>	From its establishment, the IvyTech School Board has contemplated reserving a seat for a member from our Chartering Agency. It was determined at that time that there were too many potentialities for conflicts of interest to arise from such an arrangement. Based upon the Grand Jury's recommendations, the ITCS Board is slated to revisit the topic in a meeting scheduled for later in 2020-21 school year.	TBD

Recommendations Not Implemented Because They Are Not Warranted

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Recommendation Number	Recommendation Text	Explanation of ITCS Decision	Implementation Date
R-05	<p><i>The Grand Jury recommends that charter school authorizing entities within the County require future charter school petitions for authorization to include an agreement that the charter school will have a representative from the authorizing school district and/or VCOE on its governing board.</i></p>	<p>IvyTech is a well established Charter and has no plans to expand operations in any way that would require the drafting of a new charter.</p>	N/A

Landon, Carolyn

From: Jaki Gardner <MsGardner@ivytechcs.org>
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Good Evening Ms. Landon and Mr. Boehmer~

Earlier today I was sent the attached letter the Grand Jury sent to Moorpark Unified School District, our chartering agency. I was a little surprised as I sent our responses to the Victoria Ave address back in July.

I'm truly sorry I did not follow up to see if you had received the responses. I am attaching the two top sheets for each report as well as our responses for each report. Please let me know if there is anything I've left out or need to further address.

Sincerely,

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Jacqueline Gardner
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