

MEDICAL CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents:

Most parents are aware that the TEA intends to close our school, MCCS, at the end of this school year. Many parents have joined with us to contact senators on our behalf. Thank you for all your letters and phone calls. We have a plan with options that we believe will keep our school.

STEP 1: We have retained the law firm of SLH Schulman, Lopez, & Hoffer to represent us in the next two stages of appeal: The Informal Review at the Texas Education Agency, and the appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), both administrative remedies that must be exhausted. Either one of these administrative hearings could remove the plan for revocation. These hearings would occur after January 12th, which is the deadline for the first appeal and would probably be concluded within two months.

STEP 2: The Informal Review was completed and we filed an answer to the Commissioner on January 12th. It is available on our website along with Attachments. We could hear from that any day.

We know that some senators are working with the Charter School Association, Texas League of Community Schools, and attorneys to correct some of the aspects of the bill that are the most troublesome. Legislative solutions are quite possible because a number of senators did not intend this result. The senate is currently in session. We will keep you informed about any progress, but cannot predict the date of a possible solution.

STEP 3: Following the administrative hearings we will consider legal action. There is currently a suit going to the Supreme Court of Texas by another charter school that could bring a ruling that affects our situation. It could also happen any day and that could affect our revocation.

STEP 4: The timing of the steps above is uncertain and puts our enrollment and faculty under stress, but there is a solution that would work if STEPS 1-3 *do not work out in time*. The TEA would like for charter schools under revocation to be acquired by other

charter schools. There may be a school that would like to acquire us because we have cash reserves, a nice location, and a strong academic standing.

This is how it might work:

- We could have an agreement that would become active if our charter is revoked.
- The charter school that acquired us could agree to use some combination of our administration, faculty, services, and campus.
- If our charter is restored the agreement would cease and the MCCA charter would be restored.

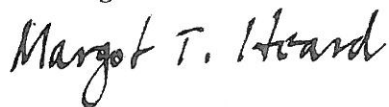
CONCLUSION:

We are implementing an approach that uses all possible solutions: negotiation, administrative review, legal representation and action, political contacts, and possible acquisition by another charter school. All these solutions will work together to get a conclusion that works for our administration, faculty, and families.

ACTION:

- It is now time to re-register for the new school year, 2015-2016. Please send your forms in and bring your friends and relatives to join the school, just like always.
- The Faculty wants to plan to teach here and wants your children in their class.
- Parents, let your children know that the important things about their school will remain: the administration, campus, faculty, and friends. Get them settled about this year and next year so that they can spend their energy learning and playing.
- Let's celebrate our school and plan to keep it. We think everything will work out and we will all be fine.

Kind regards,



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