

## thank you and follow up

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Dear LVCS and LVCP Councils,

Thank you for your time and attendance at the joint school council meeting this past Tuesday night. Given the length and intensity of the meeting, I personally had to take a day to step away from the conflict and collect my thoughts. Sadly, in your current positions, that is a luxury you cannot afford. As our representatives, parents will be looking to you become our voice, and, in return, I have no doubt we will expect answers to our mounting concerns.

I would like to extend a special thank you to three board members that I thought behaved exceptionally during this joint council meeting. First, I would like to thank Ms. Katherine Koziowski for managing control of such a well-attended and, at times, lively meeting. Additionally, I would like to thank Ms. Koziowski for having the courage to voice her opinion of no confidence for any TVLC board members acting during the alleged conflicts of interest or financial mismanagement outlined in the NJESD NOV. It is clear she has heard the community's call for their resignation.

Second, I would like to thank Ms. Mary Wyosnick for motioning for an action item for a revote on Mr. Scott Lessard's nomination to the TVLC board. Rather than accepting the action item for a "cure," Ms. Wyosnick's actions show evidence that she has heard and her constituents' concerns and is ready to move forward to affect change. Lastly, I would like to recognize Mr. Gary Falcon for repeatedly calling Dr. Lynn Lysko to task and clearly stating that her silence or claimed ignorance is not an acceptable behavior of our interim CEO at this turbulent time. I ask that this correspondence be forwarded to Mr. Falcon as his email address is not among those listed on the LVCP school council website.

It is clear the community wants the resignation of those board members seated prior to November. Whether or not there was prior knowledge of the alleged conflicts of interest or financial mismanagement outlined in the NJESD NOV, their membership during the improprieties shows complicity with board's actions and shows a lack of due diligence. Their history will forever stain community opinion on not only their past actions, but any future board decisions they will participate in. Ultimately, I am worried that the retention of these board members may cause problems with the renewal or even result in the revocation of our schools' charters. Given the recent onslaught of negative press for our schools and the accumulating notices of violation, I encourage these individuals and the entire council to carefully consider the implications of retaining those members with even the appearance of impropriety. I urge the councils to carefully and thoroughly examine their nominated board members and to use their best discretion in determining whether or not these individuals

should continue on the council, whether their presence is a risk that we are willing to accept for the future of our schools, or whether action needs to be taken. The community has spoken, and it is now your responsibility as our acting representatives to do the right thing.

If these questionable board members will not honorably resign, I encourage the councils to remove them from council, and thus the board. Additionally, I encourage additional acting council members to thoroughly consider accepting nominations for the board in order to affect much-needed reform.

Thank you all once again for volunteering for your positions. I am sure this is not a conflict you anticipated when you began your council tenure, but I trust that you will act quickly and honorably to do your best to rectify past mistakes.

Sincerely,  
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