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WASC Accreditation

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LVCP Council,

I am writing to ask - again - that you send a formal communication to all LVCP families to address concerns about WASC accreditation.

LVJUSD issued a Notice of Concern on 4/19 that first brought this issue to public light. Since then I have joined others in requesting repeatedly, via email on 4/21 and verbal comments at meetings on 4/25 and 5/9, that you report out formally on the extent of this problem - including what segments of the student population will be affected, and how.

Your unwillingness to state, in a plain-English letter to families (ideally backed by a formal communication from WASC themselves), whether or not there will be any impact to student transcripts or course-credit leads many to believe you are hiding something. Your failure to agendize this critical topic and discuss it at any of your meetings further feeds that concern. This has become one of the looming uncertainties that are driving students to consider leaving LVCP to seek safer situations elsewhere.

Please issue a clear-cut statement and remove this uncertainty.

If, on the other hand, you have not addressed this because you have decided the matter of whether LVCP is WASC-accredited is outside the Council's care: You still need to send out a formal communication to that effect, instead. Unless you tell them otherwise, parents who do not know any better may assume you are looking out for their children's' interests in this area. If your intention is that each family should fend for itself in obtaining the necessary information and drawing their own conclusions, they deserve to know that as well.

Sincerely,
Matt Weingart