



Dear Acacia Elementary and Middle Charter School Families and Staff,

We want to take this time to assure you that TVLC is committed to the faculty, staff, students and families of the Acacia Charter Schools. We are united with you and are doing everything in our legal power to ensure your continued success as part of the TVLC family of schools.

We know that many of you have received contradictory information and we want to clear up any potential misunderstandings. In that vein, we would like to give you an update and a better understanding of the status of the Acacia Charter Schools in this revocation process.

There is a defined process for charter revocation that districts MUST follow. The Legislature and the California Supreme Court have said that districts cannot invent their own charter approval or revocation processes. The New Jerusalem Elementary School District (NJESD) Superintendent is the public official recommending revocation to his board. He is supposed to gather his entire universe of facts/input/investigation etc. BEFORE commencing the revocation. It's now too late. He clearly doesn't have a sufficient basis to revoke the charters, so he's trying to manufacture something else. Either he did not have his ducks in a row before recommending revocation (in which case he violated the law), or he's now attempting to operate outside of the correct legal process (in which case he's violating the law).

We want the fair process that the Legislature and courts say we're entitled to. That is why we had our legal team contact NJESD to cancel their proposed meeting for July 13. The NJESD Superintendent's "shadow" hearing would have done little but assure us that a court will throw out whatever action the NJESD board might take. They have now fully poisoned the entire proceeding, and want to tarnish TVLC in a kangaroo proceeding that the Superintendent controls. The Acacia Charter community should be outraged.

We exist to serve our families. We constantly obtain and evaluate your views and opinions about our schools. NJESD doesn't like that our schools have enormous parent support, so they were seeking to undermine that through this "town hall". To the extent that the Superintendent thinks he can take over our schools so they "survive", he can't do that. There is no process whatsoever for NJESD to take over the charters.

The Acacia Charter Schools exist today because of our belief in the families of Stockton and our dedication to them. That dedication is unwavering. We are proud to have hired the Administrators that are currently running your schools. We are thrilled and humbled that you have chosen to enroll your children in our schools. We will continue to do our best to provide our students the educational program that helps them achieve academic success; and we pledge to stay true to our mission of providing a nurturing and challenging learning community so that students will experience learning in ways that allow them to both understand and improve their world.

We are TVLC and we are ACACIA CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Lassig".

Julie Lassig, for the Principals of the Acacia Charter Schools, and the TVLC Executive Team