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To our valued charter partners:

As we continue to move through our charter school oversight process for this year, I wanted to share a few thoughts about this venture and what we hope to accomplish along with some background information. This may ramble a bit, but I wanted to put this out to all of you.

Based on our experience and your feedback from last year, we continue to revise our and streamline our format for our oversight that will help us have a consistent process for all of our charters as we move through this time in the state where there is a clear attack on both charters and on authorizers. By no way is this venture intended to be a “gotcha” on anybody. It is a work in progress that was set out as a goal for me so we have a uniform over sight process.

We have redesigned our oversight accountability process with the goal of using the mandated state financial reports you already submit, as a major component of our oversight process. This approach will help avoid redundancy and streamline our process. In this regard we have redesigned our ca-csos.com charter oversight website. You will be able to submit - upload all of the state required mandated financial reports directly to the web site.

A second required aspect of our oversight process this year, will be for each charter school to provide a "virtual visit" rather than an on-site visit, essentially the same process we used last year. Hopefully next year we will be able to participate in actual on site visits.

As we move into the process this year with Patrick please know we are listening to feedback and want to make it beneficial for all and protect both us as an authorizer and you as charters. We all have our strengths and areas we can grow in and together it is my hope that is what we will do. The Lucerne Valley Board and I fully support the opportunity for school choice and want to strengthen the work we are all doing to serve our kids. Patrick & Doug will be in touch with you next week regarding using the web site and setting up a day-time for our virtual visit.

Feel free to give me a call at any time if you have suggestions, concerns, feedback, etc. I value the relationships that we have built over our time as an authorizing district for your school.

Peter

Peter Livingston, Superintendent
