

February 21, 2018

Dear Vanguard Community,

At the Aurora Public School Board work session held on Tuesday, February 20th, the decision was made to alter the charter renewal proposal from three years to one year based on a concern of conflict of interest between the founding company, ACCO and Vanguard Classical School. Over the past 11 years Vanguard and ACCO have served our community as partners, receiving numerous multi-year charter renewals. This relationship has always been recognized for its value in helping build a sustainable institution for the students of VCS. ACCO provides support to Vanguard in multiple ways, including, but not limited to all aspects of HR, IT Support, Security, Risk Management, Facilities Management, Accounting, Health Services, Nutrition services, and Grant Development/Fundraising. ACCO is as committed today to the educational and financial success of Vanguard as it has been since day one.

Notwithstanding the challenges created by the APS Board decision, the VCS Board and ACCO are committed to reviewing this partnership and services for our school. Outside counsel examined the relationship and the concerns of APS in December and made recommendations to the VCS Board. Adjustments were made to our conflict of interest policy and by-laws were approved and are being implemented by the VCS Board. All of this has been shared with APS. The Vanguard Board and ACCO remain open to dialogue to clarify any and all points. We are all committed to ensuring the school continues to thrive for our students and teachers.

We, as a Vanguard community, remain united in our support of our mission and vision as we continue to support the great things our students, teachers, staff, board, and founding company have accomplished for the Aurora community. Our goals remain the same and we will carry on.

As always, we welcome all to join our board meetings which are posted on our website. The next one is Thursday, February 22nd at 4:30 pm at the West campus. Feel free to reach out to us with any concerns, thoughts, or encouragement. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

VCS Board of Directors

VCS Administration

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