

SUBJECT

Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center Conditions Status Update

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

I.C. §33-5209C(1)

I.C. §33-5209B(1)

BACKGROUND

Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center (BCCLC) provides a brain-based model in the Blackfoot area. BCCLC serves approximately 650 students in grades K-8 at two campuses. The school's performance certificate includes five conditions established at renewal (March 2019). One condition was due on September 1, 2019.

DISCUSSION

The following condition of BCCLC's performance certificate was due on September 1, 2019:

"By September 1, 2019, all BCCLC board members will complete professional development provided by a qualified Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA) trainer. This training shall include the topics of administrator evaluation, stakeholder communication, and financial oversight through ISBA courses currently identified as Superintendent/Administrator Evaluation, Boardsmanship 101, and Boardsmanship 102."

A summary of the school's work in fulfillment of this condition is included in the meeting materials.

IMPACT

Information item only.

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PCSC staff believes that BCCLC has met the requirements of this condition and notes that the school's leadership has achieved commendable improvement during 2019.

COMMISSION ACTION

Information item only.

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In fulfillment of the condition regarding training, the governing board:

- Met with their independent auditor to discuss the audit.
- Held a town hall meeting for their school community, facilitated by the ISBA.
- Participated in board governance roles and responsibilities training with the ISBA.
- Participated in an organizational development workshop facilitated by the ISBA.
- Engaged in performance certificate training for leaders and teachers provided by PCSC staff.
- Participated in budget development training facilitated by the business manager.
- Engaged in leadership evaluation training facilitated by the ISBA.

Additional Information:

Board directors have attended 28 board meetings in 2019. They have ensured presence at 6 PCSC meetings, traveled for training, and made themselves available for regular phone calls and meetings with various state agencies. In addition, they have spent many more hours reading, researching, and collaborating with their staff to rebuild a foundation for BCCLC. This high level of commitment has resulted in commendable, positive change.

While the school has experienced a dip in enrollment this fall, they anticipate maintaining operations without incurring additional debt. An amended budget is anticipated shortly.

Additionally, preliminary evaluation of the school's FY19 audit indicates that the school will likely achieve good standing on the financial section of the framework. A marked improvement over FY18's critical designation.