



**The Village**  
CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear TVCS Community,

March 22, 2019

If you are familiar with the journey of a charter school, you'll know that the terrain is challenging and there are many hurdles to navigate. Anyone familiar with the story of TVCS knows that we have faced many of these hurdles and as our story has played out our leadership, our staff, our families and many supporters in the community have shown a tremendous amount of resilience and hope for what we have and can continue to create as a school. We cannot overstate our appreciation for these contributions.

Yesterday, an Idaho Education News story published a fairly negative view of where TVCS stands as a school. As a Board we are particularly disappointed with the title of the article and its overall tone, but we accept the outlining of the challenging landscape that we face. We know there is additional context and backstory to many of the things reported. The story failed to highlight the significant improvements in new enrollment, student and faculty retention, our new building, new programs and improvements in academics, and the general positive behavior and culture at the school.

Nevertheless, many questions have been raised that we know need to be addressed. To the best of our knowledge at this time, these are the things that are important to share:

As a Board we take stewardship of our public charter school very seriously, we answer to the Idaho State Charter Commission, our bondholders, and the taxpayers amongst others. We are measured by those agencies in many ways - a significant measure being our financial management. Financial oversight of a charter school in particular is unique and challenging.

The Board of TVCS has been working with an independent CPA firm to get a solid picture of the financial operations and business management of the school. This has been in motion for several months and we feel confident that expert advice will be given as to what is working and what adjustments need to be made in these areas.

The Board has entered our management contracts with good references as to ability and character. With some new information in these matters, we are taking another close look at the facts, and re-evaluating our relationships with the understanding that there is backstory and context to everything.

We will be communicating with staff, parents and stakeholders in the near future to make sure that everyone is kept current with information as it becomes available, but at this time we want to reassure our constituents not to be of immediate worry, and of our resolve to see this school continue to improve and succeed.

Sincerely,  
TVCS Board of Trustees