



Santa Clara County Office of Education

Charles Weis, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

January 12, 2012

Dear Member of the Los Altos Community,

Thank you for writing to the Santa Clara County Board of Education. The Board appreciates your interest in Bullis Charter School and recommended input to the Bullis Charter School Memorandum of Understanding/Contract development process.

By way of background, the MOU/Contract consists of expectations that the Office holds of all Charter Schools authorized by the County Board of Education and can include other issues and solutions that are agreed upon by both parties. The process of developing and agreeing upon the contents of the MOU/Contract has begun and our hope is to complete it no later than April 30, 2012. The required deadline for agreement on an MOU/Contract is June 30, 2012 before the July 1st beginning of the 2012-13 school-year. The negotiation is conducted by the County Superintendent and his staff with representatives of Bullis Charter School. At the present time, we do not have plans to conduct the negotiations of the content of the MOU/Contract at a public meeting, however, the agreed upon contents of the MOU/Contract will be shared with the public at a future County Board of Education meeting at which the County Board will either approve or deny the contract.

The initial negotiation meeting resulted in a productive conversation about many of the issues that you described in your email letter as well as issues of concern to the County Board of Education. We anticipate that the leadership of Bullis Charter School will be cooperative in developing a mutually agreed upon MOU/Contract that will address the concerns you raised in your email letter and those of the County Board of Education.

At the recent meeting of the County Board of Education, I appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Vice President Hover-Smoot and members Beauchman and Chang to plan and implement a meeting in Los Altos with parents and other community members to explore your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph S. DiSalvo". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joseph DiSalvo, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education