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To the Members of the Little Hoover Commission,

Thank you for this opportunity to address you and the commission regarding some concerns presented about the school construction and bond program in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. In April of 2015, several allegations were raised with regard to the potential of fraud and/or mismanagement of the District's bond program over the last 15+ years. In October of 2015, our Board of Education approved a contract for an extensive forensic accounting audit that was recently completed. The auditors identified several high risk areas and internal controls weaknesses at or prior to the time that the allegations were raised and acknowledged the efforts made by the District to reduce the risks and improve internal controls over the last two years. We fully recognize that additional work needs to be done but we are on a path moving forward.

The District initiated the forensic investigation report in order to improve its practices and ensure the resources given into its care are used to benefit students. You can review the final Phase II Forensic Accounting Investigation Report of the District's school construction bond program on the District website at www.wccusd.net/audit.

We know and understand the concern expressed by many members of our community about some of the District's past practices. However, several changes have been implemented that have improved our practices and we look forward to implementing the recommendations of the audit to give members of our community the confidence to know that the District takes its fiduciary responsibility seriously. To that end, if you or any members of the Little Hoover Commission are interested in the steps that have been taken to rectify the situation that caused many of the allegations, I encourage you to meet with me or gather additional information from the District directly.

We look forward to the continued conversation around our school construction program.

Sincerely,


Matthew Duffy
Superintendent