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County Commissioners,

“In the absence of an agreement between a county governing body and a county school board, the [State] Department [of Education] at the request of the county governing body shall contract for a performance audit of the county public school system to address the issues raised in the county’s request. Md. Code Ann., Education Article, §5-110(b)”

Based on this, on July 31st you held a joint meeting with the CCPS BoE regarding the possibility of a performance audit of the schools. Unsurprisingly, the meeting was a farce. You and the BoE were presented a few minutes before the meeting with a list of criteria to comprise a full performance audit. There were nine items on that list:

- 1) Evaluate and provide a detailed analysis of non-salary historical expenditures documenting how they were spent
- 2) Evaluate and provide a detailed analysis of salary expenditures and payroll data
- 3) Identify internal control deficiencies
- 4) Identify potential efficiencies for cost savings
- 5) Evaluate policies, practices, protocols, authorities, statutes and regulations of procurement and personnel actions
- 6) Alignment of CCPS actions regarding procurement and personnel actions
- 7) Using a *random sample* (emphasis mine) of procurement information provided during FYs 19-22 and determine whether procurements are appropriate
- 8) Using a *random sample* (emphasis mine) determine if personnel actions were consistent with policies, practices, protocols, authorities, statutes and regulations
- 9) Determine if closed sessions, administrative sessions, and administrative functions were conducted within the law, regulations and policies, including without limitation, the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

A full organizational performance audit is well-comprised of these nine items, many of which are also intended to identify “errors, irregularities and *outliers* [emphasis mine].” However, a performance audit is still nowhere near as thorough as a full comprehensive and forensic audit. In addition, a performance audit can be further limited, either to analyze only part of an organization, or less of what is wished to be known across an entire organization. In this case, you decided to do both. In some situations that makes sense, but not in this one. Why? You know too much to request a limited audit. For what I alone have brought to your attention, you know serious crimes were committed in CCPS, for years on end. In

fact, you all have known enough that you should have long since voted to call in law enforcement. If you won't call in law enforcement, *both* CCPS and Calvert County still need a full *comprehensive and forensic* audit, going years back. But, as in this instance state law allows only for the County to force a performance audit of CCPS, why limit its scope at all? Haven't you been complaining for years about your understanding of how CCPS is run? Why did you need to involve the BoE to select which performance audit categories you would keep, especially since it ended up not mattering to you anyway? Why not just inform them they will be subject to a nine-item audit for FYs 19-22, and if they don't like it, who cares? Since you could have called for a performance audit years ago, why didn't you? As it was stated this audit would be shared with the public for "transparency," why would you limit the scope of the audit to make it anything but transparent?

In fact, a *comprehensive* audit of FYs16-22 should be necessary. As new CCPS Finance Director Mr. Johnson said he couldn't be sure from where all of CCPS' \$24 million fund balance came, a comprehensive audit - with forensic financial analysis – would be more than reasonable. What if CCPS' \$24 million fund balance came from state or federal funds and is restricted? What were the sources of that money? How to legally spend it? I do not mean to assail new Superintendent Dr. Townsel's nor Mr. Johnson's motives or credibility and Dr. Townsel and his administration inherited a mess for which they do not deserve to be blamed. Your proposed "audit" mostly predates their arrival, anyway. BoE member Dawn Balinski expressed grave concern about the cost of an audit, even though a forensic audit could free up to \$24 million of fund balance which CCPS is currently not within its own right to spend. Balinski long ago proved she doesn't care, and it is my sincere hope that when outside law enforcement comes in she will be criminally prosecuted. No matter what, she will lose her seat. Balinski lied when she said she believes the "ROI would be very low;" rather, she knows if a full performance audit were conducted she would be exposed for what she is and has done in some of her "eleven years" on the Board. Millions and millions were criminally misspent on her watch. She knows good and well this is not "standard reserve accounting practice," and has repeatedly demonstrated she has little conscience or empathy, if they exist within her at all.

By the end of the meeting #1 had been stricken, #2 was yet to be rewritten, #3 stricken, #4 was kept, #s 5, 6 and 7 were combined to be kept, and #s 8 and 9 were stricken. Apparently, despite all you know, there was no concern about non-salary expenditures, internal control deficiencies including financial reporting and regulatory compliance, personnel actions nor compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act, regulations and policies. Not incidentally, it is the stricken categories which would be most likely to uncover proof of crimes committed in CCPS.

1) ~~“Evaluate and provide a detailed analysis of non-salary historical expenditures documenting how they were spent,”~~

2) Evaluate and provide a detailed analysis of salary expenditures and payroll data – TO BE REWRITTEN

3) ~~Identifying internal control deficiencies~~

4) Identify potential efficiencies for cost savings - KEPT

5) Evaluate policies, practices, protocols, authorities, statutes and regulations of procurement and personnel actions

6) Alignment of CCPS actions regarding procurement and personnel actions

7) Using a *random sample* [emphasis mine] of procurement information provided during FYs 19-22 and determine whether procurements are appropriate

5, 6 & 7 TO BE COMBINED AND REWRITTEN

- ~~8) Using a random sample determine if personnel actions were consistent with policies, practices, protocols, authorities, statutes and regulations~~
- ~~9) Determine if closed sessions, administrative sessions, and administrative functions were conducted within the law, regulations and policies, including without limitation, the Maryland Open Meetings Act.~~

So, of the nine starting categories, four were completely removed, and three were to remain, based only on *samples* provided, which means CCPS would cherry pick records for analysis, and little would be revealed. It is clear this audit is not intended to be a *full* performance audit, but a way to see if the County can possibly limit their/your funding to CCPS. Why else would complicit Buddy Hance volunteer the Commission would fund the entire audit? Why wouldn't you want to know how \$50+ million per annum of non-salary expenditures were spent?

Why? You Commissioners had something of a chance to expose the truth and still try to save face. Since the truth will eventually come out through other means anyway, and selfishness seems to be your big motivator, why wouldn't you take it? There is a pedophile ring in Calvert County Public Schools and former sadistic pedophile Superintendent Daniel D. Curry helped it flourish. You helped it flourish and actually *funded* it. Former Sheriff Mike Evans helped it flourish, has a problem with extortion and used his knowledge of crimes being committed against children in CCPS to:

- 1) Supply and fund his drug ring through prescription CCPS pill insurance and healthcare insurance
- 2) Attempt to placate disgusted and mutinous Sheriff's personnel with retirement healthcare coverage CCPS funded, because the County didn't fund it and the Sheriff had never fought for his own men and women to get the County to fund it, even though Evans was sheriff for twenty years
- 3) And the list goes on.

Here are some other observations from your joke of a performance audit meeting:

- Commissioner Buddy Hance seems afraid of the truth
- BoE Member Dawn Balinski is afraid of the truth
- Why would Balinski point out insurance costs had recently dropped again, this time from 20% to 18.5% of personnel costs? She knows CCPS no longer funds the drug ring, after I brought it to CCPS' attention. That's a little bit of the subsequent cost savings right there. You're welcome.
- Of course #9 "would be beneficial to audit." Why would BoE member Ms. Post say that?
- Former BoE member Pamela Cousins appears to be afraid of the truth. Why else would she attend the meeting only to speak out against the audit? She was on the Board during the FY19-22 period in question.

And then further discussion of this matter was tabled until November, at which point an audit will have been put out for bid, for you to then decide if you wish to proceed, and it was stated there is potential to *even further* narrow the scope of any audit. By then, CCPS will have commenced its FY24 budget development process. This is how Calvert County approaches audit processes? Scary.

On August 8th you sent a letter to the BoE informing them of your intention to proceed with the audit, but listed only *two* categories, instead of the three you decided upon on July 31st. You also committed again to paying for the entire thing.

Fast forward to September 19th and under Old Business there were discussed the new mere two categories, with a third as alternate, to submit to the State BoE to put out for bid, with the County to decide in November. It was disconcerting how brief the discussion was. Why? Why are you even doing this audit? Is it to give the appearance you care, while making sure nothing too bad is exposed? And contrary to your earlier commitments to pay for the entire audit, apparently now the cost of the audit will be shared with the BoE. So, here's what the proposed "audit" *might* include:

1. Comparative analyses of -
 - a. the findings of the financial management practices from the January 2022 state audit report to the current practices at CCPS
 - b. Peer jurisdictions and how they relate/do things
 - c. Industry standards and best practices to make recommendations for corrective actions, enhancements and improvements
2. Identification of potential efficiencies or procedures which would lead to cost savings in all direct procurements.

With a recommended budget of \$200k, there is a bid additive alternate, which would include the preparation of a comparative analysis of industry standards in governance, structure, central office organization, financial management, human resources and IT functions of the school system, with recommendations for improvement. Let's see what you decide come November.

I'd like to point out to you one expenditure "outlier" about which you already know and in which you *participated* with the BoE. The three million dollars paid to my former therapist, Richard Kelly, to try to destroy me to protect yourselves. I saw Richard Kelly on and off for years. I don't know why you (and *former* Commissioners Kelly McConkey and Steve Weems) thought you could trust any medical provider who would sell out their patient, but you did. Didn't you worry he was motivated by greed and would do anything to get his hands on that money, even if it meant lying to you? It's even more a mystery given it had to be known his son, Luis Kelly, is a dirty cop in former Sheriff Mike Evans drug ring, and Richard Kelly is himself a child sexual predator, which has been used against him. He also got free health insurance from the system. I only figured and found out these things later. How many of you knew, and of what were you aware? How many of you have any of the same problems as Richard Kelly and is that why you coordinated with him? Commissioners Grasso, Cox and Ireland, this is who Steve Weems, Kelly McConkey, Mike Hart and Buddy Hance really are, and part of why honorable and decent former Commissioner (and Catholic) Tim Hutchins opted to resign his seat. And no, Mike Hart, Steve Weems is *no* gentleman.

I am somewhat embarrassed and ashamed I ever respected Richard Kelly, as his countenance is that of a slimy leprechaun and his sense of humor sucks. But I did. Turns out he is only one of the many local medical frauds involved in this situation, like Lacy Pitman, Debra Spatz, Alice Shin, Yvonne Micheli, Harry Kerasides, Tamra Schmalz and the list goes on. I know of others I decline to name. Richard Kelly also likes to tout his devout Catholicism and fights abortion. He used to be well-respected in the community; perhaps in some circles he still is. *You paid Richard Kelly*, whose conduit to you was his fellow Catholic and then-Commissioner Steve Weems, to make me go away. These two spineless weasels actually coordinated with fellow malignants at their church (St. John Vianney Catholic church, of which Richard Kelly later denied being a member) to try to *set me up* and prove me a thief in order for me to be charged with stealing from my son's Cub Scout Pack, which was based out of St. John Vianney. I was

treasurer for the pack. During that time Richard Kelly was also shopping for an extravagant home at a status symbol address, and left the floorplans lying around his office for patients to see.

Let me tell you some of what was going on for me personally at that point in time. I have Lyme disease, but have been better for a long time. Back then, even though I was finally physically improving in some ways, I was incredibly sick, motor function was deteriorating, the infection had gotten into the left side of my brain and was worsening, and I was in excruciating pain. I also was seeing Richard Kelly, while pursuing this situation. Initially he was supportive of my efforts, but then by Fall of 2018 he was beginning to act like a caged animal. However, blinded by my respect for him and with the left side of my brain not processing very well, I was largely oblivious to his obvious behavior, which I remember very well.

You see, fortunately the right side of my brain wasn't impacted. I just couldn't figure things out. For example, if I didn't know to distrust someone I could not begin to question their motives. So I sat there taking Richard Kelly's increasing abuse, as he lashed out at, mocked, lunged at and insulted me, through February 2019, while talking to me like I was a stupid child, and blurting out words at me, like "AUDIT!" He did this to me not long after I had broken down and told him I felt like dying (that said I've never tried to kill myself), knowing people with Lyme disease are far more likely to kill themselves. People with left side brain injuries also usually feel pain far more acutely than they otherwise would, which I know very well. I wandered and stumbled out of his office, but kept coming back for more, and was falling apart. I was making so many mistakes with my then-severe brain deficiencies I thought there was something I was misunderstanding. It was devastating. Simultaneously, I was being set up at St. John Vianney. I was going to be proved a thief, charged, abused by Richard Kelly to the point of breakdown or suicide, and thrown away. All to make me go away. *You paid for this* and you and Richard Kelly were convinced it would work. Isn't that tantamount to putting out a hit on me? Do you think? That's only one way my own local government has tried to destroy me.

Suddenly, in March of 2019, Richard Kelly's tone toward me was notably different and he happily, albeit stiffly said "You still haven't lost it!" Turns out, the setup at St. John Vianney had failed, *and* the malignant rubes at St. John Vianney determined that not only did I not steal, but had been generous. So, with that plot a dud, a new one had to be formulated. Richard Kelly decided my brain must be so deficient he could *brainwash* me. I had told Richard Kelly I couldn't read financial records I had requested due to the Lyme in my brain, and he saw my confused, childlike demeanor; ready to exploit. He even had his lying nasty biddy bookkeeper friend at St. John Vianney test my ability to read, too. My vision - and therefore ability to read - had been severely impacted, and I couldn't manage numbers very easily. It was slow - and sometimes impossible - going. Therefore, and due to other unrelated or innocent circumstances in my life, Richard Kelly decided it must be a man doing the work I was doing, because he knew it wasn't my husband, and Richard Kelly's a dirty, misogynistic pig. Yet, he never asked who was writing my letters or how I was so consistent in all the things I said; he was so arrogant, desperate and greedy. With egg on their faces at St. John Vianney, and still convinced of so many other awful lies about me (which Richard Kelly helped propagate), they continued their character assassination and time-honored Catholic tradition of slut shaming me. Richard Kelly told people I slept around and even that I am a prostitute, in coordination with rumors spread by other people in the drug ring. He also told them I was sleeping with the attorney who represented me on a suit for financial records against CCPS. Nothing could ever have been further from the truth, and I do not know that attorney on anything approaching a personal level. *You paid for that.*

Richard Kelly must have a lot of skeletons in his closet. One, how his second marriage came to be. Apparently, that time he and his mistress got caught screwing around, they threw away their families (including his first kids) in Massachusetts and started over with a new child down here. That must have been a nasty blowup. Now Richard Kelly is a deteriorating, senior widower and has serious regrets. He expressed reticence, fear and sometimes downright terror about and of his local dirty cop son (the “Ecuadorian Kelly”) – with whom he lives - to both my husband and me, and suddenly began expressing an interest in his kids and grandchildren from his first marriage. He projected his life on to me, and tried to brainwash me into it, entirely contrary to anything and everything I said. Deep down he knows he is only an evil, cowardly, insubstantial pervert, who actually threw away his own children. He was that desperate to make sense of things and justify what he is. He used me to feel better about and enrich himself.

Throughout the brainwashing phase – which was still interspersed with plenty of breakdown/suicide abuse – I kept correcting Richard Kelly and saying the same things, and Richard Kelly kept snapping back in his seat with what I now recognize was fear, and sometimes terror. He tried to convince me I could not deal with this situation due to prior situations in my life with which I had long since dealt. He tried to convince me money would replace an inheritance from which I contentedly walked and never regretted leaving behind. He kept blurting out words, like “Abortion!” and “Arrangement!” He tried to convince me everything would be over soon. He told people I was an incompetent mute. He did these things to me when my brain was at its worst. But, he did drop many excellent hints; which, upon reflection, I was able to use. Meantime, the suit for records against CCPS slowly progressed, and Richard Kelly bought that nice home, right after you and CCPS paid him \$3 million at the start of FY20. I kept submitting to more of his manipulation and abuse, *for which you paid*.

Then, in September of 2019, we had our first pretrial conference. I could not attend because of my severe deficiencies, and our poor attorney was confronted with false accusations of a conspiratorial affair with his married client (me). That’s around the time you slowly started realizing you were had by Richard Kelly, wasn’t it? *You paid for that, with taxpayer money*. THAT should be one of the expenditures the auditors get to see. If it’s not, one would think you and CCPS are hiding something. No wonder Buddy Hance said he’s not worried about the prospect of an audit. Why don’t you make that part of your November discussion?

You put out a hit on me,



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