



UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

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February 18, 2020

Canyon Grove Academy
c/o Josh Daniels, board chair
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Re: Notice of Concern for Material Breach of Charter Agreement

Dear Canyon Grove Academy:

Part of the State Charter School Board's responsibility is to hold the charter schools we authorize accountable for their performance, their fidelity to their Charter Agreement, and to monitor them for compliance (U.C.A. §53G-5-501). The Charter Agreement is a legal contract between the school's governing board and the SCSB. Canyon Grove Academy (CGA) is contracted to operate a physical school outlined in their approved Charter Application. CGA has operated a separate online/blended program not approved in their Charter Agreement in addition to the physical school that was approved. Since September 24, 2018 the SCSB staff sought to work with CGA to bring the distance program into compliance with their Charter Agreement. SCSB staff brainstormed with CGA potential options and CGA met with the Authorizing Committee. The Authorizing Committee requested additional information from CGA. CGA failed to follow-up with the Authorizing Committee's request.

Recently, the SCSB received information that CGA has materially breached their Charter Agreement contract with the SCSB by dismantling the approved physical school, operating solely as an unapproved online school and listing their building for sale. The school once envisioned and outlined in their Charter Agreement no longer exists.

This letter serves as written notification consistent with U.C.A. §53G-5-501. The SCSB is extremely concerned that CGA has effectively terminated their Charter Agreement by their recent actions. CGA has been given ample time to rectify this deficiency of noncompliance to their Charter Agreement. Instead, CGA unilaterally made decisions that moved them further away from their Charter Agreement. Given the amount of time that has already been provided to CGA, this deficiency must be resolved immediately. Please plan to attend the SCSB March 12, 2020 board meeting to officially turn in CGA's Charter Agreement, demonstrate compliance to the approved Charter Agreement, or for the SCSB to consider actions outlined in U.C.A. §53G-5-501 and 503.

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Oversight Coordinator Michael Clark (Michael.Clark@schools.utah.gov, 801-538-7958) will be your primary point of contact for this Notice of Concern.

Sincerely,

Executive Director Jennifer Lambert
State Charter School Board

cc: Kim Goates, Canyon Grove Academy Director

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