

Subject: Download of call with Austin

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Hello all,

Thanks for doing the phone call last night. In follow up, I wanted to get you this quick note regarding the conversation I had with Austin last night. Generally, it was a good conversation. Per the three things we talked about on our call:

1. He understands the importance of keeping charter matters out of negotiations with UTLA. He assured he won't bargain any charter matters with UTLA.

2. His general frame for bringing forward his new ideas next Thursday is to "get further left" than UTLA. There was no turning him around on the overall approach, so I didn't push too hard.

3. He wants to have a 4th item in his messaging which could have impact on charter schools.

a. He says the item will not be something that he works on in the context of negotiations with UTLA, and his messaging will underscore how work in this area is distinct from anything being discussed in negotiation with UTLA.

b. During our discussion, he agreed that the item should not focus on charter schools, but should be a reform effort that would involve all schools.

c. I talked to him about our ideas for parity in transparency and accountability (academic standards, budgets down to the school level, admissions, special education, facilities) between district schools and charter schools. He liked these ideas and asked if CCSA could get detail about the policy ideas and general language to describe what we are calling for in these areas. I told him we would be happy to.

d. He said that he would have Rebecca follow up. They will definitely give us the chance to review their language and to make suggestions for our own language. I haven't heard from her yet. As soon as I do, I will contact CCSA staff and ask Cassy to stay in contact with all of you as we do whatever homework is requested of us.

Last item: Austin said he is putting together a group to gather unput from the charter community and others about how to restructure his team to hold all schools accountable. He said he plans to roll out a comprehensive restructure sometime in December, rather than a more immediate piecemeal overhaul of the charter school division. He said his team would reach out to get thoughts from many in the charter community and he asked that CCSA help us access the right leaders. I

said CCSA would be happy to help his team with this.

As soon as I hear from Rebecca, I'll let you all know.

Thanks again for your help with this.

Regards,

Jed

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