



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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July 30, 2019

Mitchell Teitelbaum
General Counsel
School District of Manatee County
215 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205

Dear Mr. Teitelbaum:

Our office currently has an open investigation **ED/OIG Case Number: P19SOU03561** into the former entity known as Lincoln Memorial Academy (LMA) Charter School and the following individual(s) **Eddie Hundley and Cornelle Maxfield** for potential violations of federal law in particular 18 USC 0666 – Fraud, Bribery/Embezzlement; 18 USC 1341 – Mail Fraud, 18 USC 1343 Wire Fraud and 18 USC 0371 – Conspiracy to Commit Offense or to Defraud U.S.

This office requests the following documentation pertaining to LMA:

1. Charter Application to include any attachments.
2. Listing of all LMA Board Members to include contact information as well as their personnel file(s).
3. Personnel file(s) for Eddie Hundley and Cornelle Maxfield.
4. Funding amounts provided to LMA to include Federal, State and Local funding.
5. Name of the bank(s) sent ACH transfers, bank account number(s), bank routing number(s), type of account(s), the dates of the refund disbursements and the disbursement amounts.
6. The front and back copies of the negotiated refund checks, the address(s) where the check(s) were sent.
7. Email(s) addresses utilized between LMA and the School District of Manatee County.
8. Listing and location of all electronic equipment provided to or paid for by the School District of Manatee County to LMA.
9. Copies or images of all electronic equipment the School District of Manatee County obtained reference LMA.
10. Any and all other relevant documentation your institution feels would assist with this investigation.

This request is made in pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, Title 5 U.S.C. 6(a)(1), Public law 95-452. (34 CFR, Sec. 668.24 (f)) and the Program Participation Agreement between institutions of higher education and the U.S. Department of Education. Pursuant to CFR 34§ 668.24(f) an institution and its third party servicers must provide timely access, for examination and copying, to requested records, including but not limited to computerized records and records reflecting transactions with any financial institution with which the institution or servicer deposits or has deposited any Title IV, HEA program funds (i.e. Title I, IDEA, etc.), and to any pertinent books, documents, papers, data, or computer programs.

Disclosure to this office is specifically exempt from the student/parental consent provision of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as the disclosure is in connection with a student's application for, or receipt of,

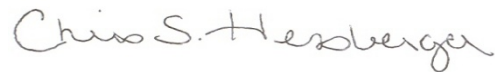
financial aid. 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(D); 34 C.F.R. § 99.31(a)(4) if any student information is requested or provided. The inclusion of a copy of this letter in the student's file will constitute compliance with FERPA's recordation requirement. 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(4); 34 C.F.R. § 99.32. Records disclosed will be handled in accordance with the requirements in 34 C.F.R. §§ 99.31(a)(3) & (4), 99.33(a)(2) & (b)(1), and 99.35. We may re-disclose the education records or personally identifiable information from those records to the United States Department of Justice and its component organizations [and the United States Postal Inspection Service]. Any disclosure to the Department of Justice [and the Postal Inspection Service] will be made only in the connection with enforcing the terms and conditions of financial aid that has been received.

Please forward the requested materials to Special Chris Hessberger at the address listed below, via email or fax.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact S/A Hessberger at (954) 450-7340. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris S. Hessberger".

Special Agent
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