

Dear Members of the Albuquerque Academy Community:

As the Chair of the Albuquerque Academy Board of Trustees, I am writing to respond to the email and letter that Mr. Peter Hibbett sent out yesterday, January 30, 2018.

Let me start by saying that we respect the thoughts, opinions and feelings expressed by Mr. Hibbett and apparently on behalf of other concerned parents as well as other members of the Albuquerque Academy community. That being said, the Trustees regret that Mr. Hibbett chose to address his concerns in this manner without attempting to address or to verify them first with me or the Board. In my term as Chair, I have personally been very willing to meet with anyone who has concerns regarding our school. The Trustees strive to be responsive to inquiries we receive from members of the school community and external community and we are always happy to discuss matters. Any information distributed to the broader Academy community needs to be fully accurate, in keeping with communication policies, and in line with our mission.

We believe the appropriate place to first address the types of concerns Mr. Hibbett raised is through in-person discussions. Often such discussions allow us to come to a common understanding concerning the facts and issues, which is in line with the spirit of respectful discourse that we try to instill in our students. The Board disagrees with many assertions made in the letter and believe those could have been addressed and clarified had he contacted the Trustees before sending the correspondence. These matters are incredibly complex, with many factors to consider, and are not easy or necessarily appropriate for the Board to address in an email. We have already reached out to Peter, and will work diligently to facilitate an in-person meeting with Mr. Hibbett and the other concerned parents referenced in his letter as soon as possible.

The Board would like the community to know that we are encouraged by the school's current academic outcomes, faculty commitment to our students, and its financial position. Our students continue to thrive and achieve great things. We also have the utmost confidence in and support for Head of School Andrew Watson and the leadership team he has in place. We appreciate the support and trust that all of you provide to the Albuquerque Academy and we commit to remaining transparent as we address the issues raised.

Adam Honegger
Chair- Board of Trustees Albuquerque Academy