

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday May 31st, our Board held a Workshop. The Workshop was held in advance of TLC's Board Meeting scheduled for next week. At the meeting there was consensus that TLC should move forward with signing a new agreement with the Els Foundation, subject to any legal restrictions imposed by the United States Department of Education related to student records. The board meeting scheduled for Monday June 5th is when TLC's board would be able to vote on an agreement with the Foundation. If TLC and the Foundation were unable to agree on a long term path forward, then an interim facility use agreement would have allowed time for TLC explore building out a new facility for the 2024-2025 school year. It would also allow for TLA to amend its charter to add lower grades, staff, and equipment in time for the 2024-2025 school year. This interim compromise would provide a path for continuity and less disruption and uncertainty for students and families for the coming school year. There was also information provided at the Workshop on the lack of capacity for charter school seats for autistic children in Palm Beach County based on the number of students on TLC's and other charters' waitlists. In other words, a move by TLC and an TLA's expansion would be a benefit to the autism community. Dr. Sotelo attended the Workshop and stated that the end of the current facilities use agreement term was coming, so the board had to make a decision soon, but she did not indicate that renewal was going to be taken off the table.

Sometime after the meeting, it appears that the Els Foundation board had a meeting. TLC received the attached correspondence that could result in the displacement of all of TLC's current students for a period of time. We have asked the Foundation for an explanation as to why a potential move by TLC in the year 2024-2025 meant that the Els Foundation would not agree to extend TLC six months or one more year on campus as they have indicated numerous times that they would. We will keep you updated on developments. Please know TLC will do everything in our power to open next school year and continue our wonderful mission of serving our students.

Stacie Routt, Executive Director



June 1, 2023

Renaissance Learning Center, Inc.
(Dba The Learning Center)
Attention: Dr. Jack Scott, Chairman
Via email

Dear Jack, Stacie, and Board of TLC,

This has been a long and sorrowful journey regarding the desire of TLC to leave the Els Center of Excellence® Campus. Although, the Els for Autism Foundation®, has made every possible effort to work through this situation, and even presented the TLC Board Chairman and the TLC Executive Director with a new Facility Use Agreement, it's clear the TLC Board and TLC leadership want to leave us, and regretfully seems the only way forward. As a result, the new Facilities Use Agreement for the school year of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, presented, is no longer on the table. Our mission is and always will be to improve the lives of families and their children with autism and we will remain providing excellent service and support.

We wish all the children, families and staff of TLC well as they chart their new course forward. We will miss the TLC family as they depart the Campus on June 30th.

Best to All,

Yvonne D'Amelio, the Els for Autism® leadership and Board of Directors

Zayra Chin, Assistant Principal