



West Gary Lighthouse Charter School College Preparatory Academy

November 7, 2011

Dear CPA Parent(s)/Guardian:

I would like to offer a notice of clarity regarding the right to form a PTA. In the memo dated October 27, 2011, the statement “WGCPA cannot form a PTA Board as it goes against LHA policy” is inaccurate. Parents *do* have the right to form a PTA, but it is important to clarify the difference between a PTA and a Parent Advisory Board.

Lighthouse Academies supports the official creation of a Parent Advisory Board (PAB). A PAB already exists for WGLCS. The PAB has the ability to confer with the Principals and make suggestions for strengthening the academic program at the school. The PAB has no governance authority over the school, however.

Should parents wish to form a PTA, they may do so. However, this must be a 501c(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Indiana. The PTA may hold fund-raisers and conduct its independent business, however it remains a completely separate entity from the school and has no oversight, governance, or advisory capacity over the school whatsoever.

The next Parent Advisory Board K-10 meeting will be held at 4:30pm on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions regarding this matter.

Regards,
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Principal

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