

Ed Voters Statement Re: CCA Letter About Our Report

There were minor data discrepancies in our recent report. After Ed Voters was made aware of these discrepancies, we manually matched each line of the approximately 10,000 entries in our data set against the original PDFs we received from CCA. A spreadsheet that contains detailed corrections along with new total spending for categories in the report is attached. A fully corrected report is forthcoming and will be posted on our website.

We acknowledge CCA's note that a payment to a staff member was mistakenly reported higher than the actual amount. Specifically, the \$94,500 payment for staff reimbursement was incorrectly transferred to our spreadsheet. This was an error that we missed and it has now been corrected.

However, CCA's other claim of the overinflation of other numbers totalling at least \$64.5 million is incorrect. This number appears to be based on data that was drawn from information in an internal master dataset that included the entirety of CCA's expenditures for an entire year, not just the expenditures that we examined in this report. Their characterization of this as an error in our published findings is misleading. Information in the master dataset that was not used in this report was not checked for accuracy and this dataset has since been unpublished.

While we acknowledge the overinflated staff salary figure and other minor discrepancies, this does not change the fact that CCA's spending records still show hundreds of thousands of dollars directed toward dining, entertainment, vehicle expenses, and other discretionary items. Additionally, over \$2 million in payments from the 2021-22 check registry remain fully redacted, raising further concerns about transparency.

NOTE: Education Voters of PA does not object to the redaction of personally identifiable information. This is a lawful and appropriate use of redactions.

These corrections do not change the substance or message of our report, which demonstrates a clear need for accountability and funding reforms for PA's cyber charter schools.

[HERE is the updated spreadsheet of information](#)

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