

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:  
LEARNING COMMUNITY SHOWS NO CREDIBLE RESULTS.**

**BACKGROUND.** If you look at the Learning Community (LC) elaborate website, for which the LC is paying a company premium amounts to make more elaborate, you will see an enthusiastic flurry of pages with smiling children and adults happily participating in the growing number of activities at school and out of school. What you will *not see* is hard evidence that these warm and fuzzy programs are advancing the academic achievement of these poor and immigrant children. There exists no credible evidence that LC programs and activities raise these kids to hoped for academic levels similar to children not attending LC classes. The entire LC system is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

**TAX \$\$ SPONGED.** Property and state tax dollars collected by the LC going for naught.

DATE	VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
2-15-23	Peopleready	Temp child care workers	\$1,543
2-20-23	Eidie Bailly	Accounting services	\$16,426
2-22-23	Peopleready	Temp child care workers	\$1,102
2-28-23	Completely Kids	Monthly contract	\$364
2-28-23	Culligan	Coolers	\$18
2-28-23	Dillions	Family groceries	\$308
2-28-23	Emspace Inc.	Consulting, media outreach	\$10,850
3-1-23	Buffett Early Childhood Institute	Superintendent plan evaluation	\$2,098
3-1-23	Buffett Early Childhood Institute	Feb. monthly program	\$137,405
3-1-23	Envisioned Solutions	Monthly web hosting	\$199
3-1-23	InfiNet Solutions	Computer consultation	\$2,023
3-1-23	Tony Sanders	Seminar	\$900
3-1-23	UNMC	March program evaluation	\$36,025
3-7-23	Peopleready	Temp child care workers	\$551
3-9-23	City of Omaha	Librarian	\$2,835
3-10-23	HyVee	Parent U. classes	\$871
3-14-23	Peopleready	Temp child care workers	\$1,502
3-15-23	Jensen Rogert	Lobbying	\$2,500
3-19-23	HyVee	Meals	\$125.20
3-20-23	Culligan	Cooler and water	\$150
3-21-23	Jams Grill	Meals	\$61.58
3-30-23	Gail Williams	Financial survival training	\$2,125
3-31-23	LC credit card report		-\$2,993 deficit

**MISNAMED.** The LC operates more as a welfare agency than an educational entity. For parents, it sponsors classes in home ownership, obtaining a high school equivalency degree, and English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Language. Group and individual therapy for children and adults. Assistance with Medicaid applications. Home visits once a month to check on things. Free food for families. Social workers assisting kids in classes. Non-basic educational activities abound. Helping to design outdoor play spaces for kids and community. Family visits to the Rose Theater and Omaha Symphony. Visits with Opera Omaha. Kids going to the movies and pools, swimming lessons included. Gardening and cooking classes for kids and parents. Meanwhile, the LC cannot maintain a positive balance in its credit cards.

**TAKE ACTION NOW.** The only way to stop this horrendous waste of taxpayer \$\$ is to lobby our state senators to force an outside audit of the LC and then defund the institution entirely. It has failed miserably to enhance the educational achievement of its students and has morphed into sponsoring programs and services not remotely classified as basic education. Using the above information, lobby your state senator to take action today. Email [netaxpayers@gmail.com](mailto:netaxpayers@gmail.com) for state senator contact information and to join our NTF *Education Watch Project*.

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