

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:
LEARNING COMMUNITY RECKLESS WITH TAX \$\$.**

BACKGROUND. Because of no oversight by the Legislature or State Board of Education, the Learning Community (LC) continues to recklessly spend taxpayer dollars without abatement. Programs and activities appear to entertain children instead of educating them to reach the academic level of their peers. The LC promotes the veneer of academic accomplishment through use of a hired public relations agency. A full state audit certainly would expose the financial and academic shortcomings of this bloated bureaucracy and offer many reasons to support its elimination.

THE FINANCIAL CARNAGE CONTINUES.

DATE	VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
9-30-22	Emspace	Consulting and public relations concepts	\$12,264
11-11-22	Father Flanagan Boys Home	Parenting school	\$1,000
11-14-22	The Reserves Network	Temporary administrator	\$1,270
11-21-22	The Reserves Network	Temporary administrator	\$1,056
11-21-22	Watts Creates LLC	Leading with love class	\$550
2-28-23	Peopleready	Child care workers	\$551
3-28-23	Peopleready	Child care workers	\$1,984
3-28-23	HyVee	Parent U. class	\$251
3-30-23	Father Flanagan Boys Home	Parenting school	\$6,000
3-31-23	Completely Kids	March contract	\$2,090
3-31-23	Culligan	Coolers	\$150
3-31-23	Emspace	Consulting, media outreach, social media	\$14,726
4-1-23	InfiNet Solutions	Computer consultation	\$2,023
4-1-23	UNMC	April evaluation	\$36,025
4-3-23	Buffett Early Childhood Institute	Superintendent plan evaluation	\$2,098
4-3-23	Buffett Early Childhood Institute	March program payment	\$133,530
4-4-23	Peopleready	Child care workers	\$3,196
4-4-23	Envisioned Solution Inc.	Monthly web hosting	\$625
4-5-23	Lutheran Family Services	Interpreter services	\$100
4-11-23	Peopleready	Child care workers	\$992
4-11-23	Panera	Meals	\$100
4-12-23	City of Omaha	Librarian	\$3,195
4-17-23	Control Yours	Membership fee	\$192.50
4-17-23	Eidie Bailey LLC	Accounting services	\$3,940
4-17-23	Jensen Rogert Assoc.	Lobbying	\$2,500
4-18-23	Peopleready	Child care workers	\$1,653
4-19-23	Remind 101	Planning	\$800
4-19-23	Miller Time Pub	Drinks	\$42.83
4-20-23	Starbucks	Coffee	\$5.75
4-20-23	Miller Time Pub	Drinks	\$24.89
4-21-23	Miller Time Pub	Drinks	\$42.85
4-24-23	Regal Awards	Award	\$72.45
4-27-23	Omaha Chamber of Commerce	Annual dues	\$360

FAULTY FINANCES. The LC credit card balance showed -\$2,993 on April 1, the negative balance increasing to \$3,241 by April 30. The LC spent tax \$\$ on a kiddie tour to the radical Malcolm X Memorial. It wasted over \$26,000 on a public relations firm for increased website accessibility, a digital newsletter, and 6 published stories called continued positive media coverage. The firm also boasted a whopping 54 new media followers for the LC. Money wasted on GED and English as a Second Language instruction for student parents. Several salaries raised by 108%, with a 59% hike in fringe benefits. A 12% wage increase for select teachers. A new partnership with the radical Redress Movement.

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