

NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:
LEARNING COMMUNITY SPENDING OFF THE RAILS.

BACKGROUND. It is unfortunate that elected state and local elected officials either refuse to examine the outrageous spending habits of the Learning Community (LC) or are blissfully ignorant of this flagrant wasting of our tax \$\$\$. The situation continues to deteriorate badly. Categorical expenses no longer clearly delineated on its website. LC board member votes no longer available in LC meeting minutes, so taxpayers cannot see how board members vote on the spending extravaganza.

EGREGIOUS EXAMPLES. Marching in the Juneteenth and Pride Parades and daycare at the Omaha Zoo are not basic learning activities. Parent U. represents a host of unwarranted expenditures. Its Fall 2025 report notes 92 adults involved, 91 of them non-English speakers. Programs for these folks include culinary classes, a Fall Festival, and Winter Wonderland. Educational navigators conduct weekly home visits to check on family skills and evaluate quality of parent-child interactions, then offer guidance to parents. Navigators assess parental interactions and track family growth. Parent U. partners with the leftist Buffett Early Childhood Institute. Parent U. provides parents with employment career pathways. A Trade Fair for LC families to explore career options and training opportunities. Finance classes, mental health programs, and digital literacy classes. Means to improve parent literacy outcomes. One-week summer camps for families. Two ice cream socials. Family transportation provided for families to attend an outdoor opera at Turner Park. Distribution of free diapers from a diaper bank location. Community child care training and coaching for 16 private providers of these services for LC families.

DATE	VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
8-11-25	Control Yours	Membership fee	\$78.75
8-14-25	Completely Kids	Playtime monthly contract	\$366
8-14-25	Buffett Early Childhood Institute	Programs	\$194,057
8-18-25	City of Omaha	False alarms	\$500
8-18-25	Culligan	Cooler equipment & water	\$154
8-22-25	Jensen Rogert	Lobbying	\$2,583
8-22-25	One World Community	Medical services	\$222,709
8-27-25	City of Omaha	Librarian	\$100
8-27-25	UNMC	Program evaluations	\$40,649

DISCRIMINATION. The LC, contrary to presidential executive orders, still is practicing DEI by hiring a private company to counsel staff about LGBTQ students, propagandizing staff that a disproportionate number of black high school students drop out or struggle in classes because of our long history of racial discrimination and systemic inequality. This company commits to supporting diversity in the staff and the students the LC serves. It prompted the LC to actively increase understanding of institutional racism to help make positive change in our community, including seeking out dialogue with community partners and those it serves, participating in trainings to learn more about systemic inequality, racism, and bias, and reviewing LC policies to ensure our that its processes and culture contribute to equity and inclusion. The LC has an Elementary Learning and Diversity subcommittee.

STILL WORKING WITH RADICALS. The LC Superintendent Plan authorized the LC CEO to make a written agreement with the leftist Buffett Early Childhood Institute to manage the Superintendent's Early Childhood Plan, costing \$3,870,531 for FY 2025-2026, \$4,027,177 for FY 2026-2027, \$4,147,993 for FY 2027-2028, and \$4,272,433 for FY 2028-2029. Also, payment of \$500,000 to the Suzy Buffett Sherwood Foundation for 2025.

TAKE ACTION NOW. The LC is beyond financial redemption. It merits termination. Its continual squandering of taxpayer \$\$\$ has so far gone unheeded by state senators and the NE Dept. of Education. Using the information above, lobby your state board of education member to investigate LC financial travesties and then lobby your state senator to defund the LC entirely, to terminate this worthless entity that masquerades as an educational institution. Email netaxpayers@gmail.com for state senator and state board of education contact information.