

# NEWS

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## **Statement regarding county prosecutor's decision to authorize trespassing charge against LCA opponent**

BRIGHTON, Mich. (March 15) – The Livingston Classical Academy (LCA) would like to clarify several points in light of the county prosecutor's decision announced Friday to authorize a misdemeanor charge against a vocal critic of Mr. Pat Battaglia and LCA.

1 – Mr. Glenn Ikens was asked to leave the facility because the owner of the building, as noted in the police report: "feared for my safety and that of our guests." Mr. Ikens has attacked Mr. Battaglia personally many times in public meetings and in writing. His demeanor while making some of those attacks at Brighton Area Schools board meetings (especially on Aug. 25, 2014 and on Jan. 26, 2015) justify Mr. Battaglia's fear of Mr. Ikens' instability.

2 – More than 250 parents who have expressed interested in LCA were invited to the meeting, and to bring their children. It was not advertised to the general public precisely because of the fear that it might be disrupted by our vocal critics. Mrs. Ikens proved our fears were well-founded. Nearly 200 people attended the event.

3 – Opponents of LCA repeatedly claim the school will be religion-based, and this assertion is recycled in the media. Michigan law is perfectly clear on this point. Public schools, including charters, cannot be religious schools, and LCA has affirmed repeatedly that it will conform to all laws regarding charter schools.

More information about LCA is available at its website, which includes an extensive list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): <http://www.lindbomclassicalacademy.org>

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