The Brompton School
Virtue * Knowledge * Wisdom * Service

The Brompton School Mission is to engage and inspire our students to become independent learners, critical thinkers and contributing citizens through an emphasis on rigorous curricula and innovative learning experiences.

June 4, 2014

Dear Brompton Staff and Families:

As we wrap up a great year of learning, we wanted to update you all on how a few things are going at Brompton. As you all know, this past year the Governance Board has been working at rebuilding and refocusing our efforts. The Board and Mrs. Loewen have a positive, professional relationship and we are now all jointly working toward the best interest of Brompton. In partnership with Wisconsin Innovative Schools Network, we have completed the first phase of Board training and are scheduling the next steps of strategic planning for this summer which will include revising our mission statement, creating a vision statement and long term goal planning. These are all very good, very positive steps for a healthy Brompton. We welcome any questions about this process as well as anyone who would like to attend our monthly Governance Board open meetings.

As you may have heard, this summer we are taking the Brompton charter contract back to the KUSD Board of Education for revisions. There are several reasons we feel this is a wise move and will be happy to answer questions, should there be any, after reading the rationale below.

*Why is the Governance Board bringing the charter back to the KUSD Board of Education this July when we have three years left on our original agreement?*

1. Last fall, in a meeting with members of the KUSD Board of Education, the Governance Board members present asked the members of the KUSD Board if we could bring the charter back for revisions in order to have it more directly aligned with the other Kenosha charter school agreements already approved in the district. They replied that we could. The revisions entail adding specific language which will give a much clearer picture of the approved responsibilities of the Governance Board, Principal, staff and families who attend The Brompton School.

2. Since the charter agreement was last approved in 2012, the Brompton Governance Board has learned that the language currently in the charter is very vague when outlining the unique instructional approach for Brompton, the very reason it exists as a charter, project based learning. By adding more detailed information in the charter, everyone will have a clearer idea of the purpose of The Brompton School. Let us be clear, this is not another program change! The 2012 approved charter does speak to project based learning, but we feel the clarification of adding precise language to the charter will be to the benefit of the school.

3. In summary, we feel strongly that The Brompton School charter is in need of revision in order for The Brompton School Governance Board and staff to continue moving forward as we close the achievement gaps for students, instruct innovatively and provide a quality program for all students.

We hope this will help clarify any misconceptions regarding our motives in bringing the charter back to the KUSD School Board, and answer questions about why we feel this is necessary at this time. As
always, please contact us with questions or concerns. We hope you all have a relaxing, wonderful summer with your families; and will see you for a brand new start next September!

Sincerely,

Jen Nachtigal and Suzanne Loewen
The Brompton School Governance Board Chair and Principal