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Citizens working to build public will and capacity for public school facilities that support high quality education and community vitality.

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Tax returns before FY2000, 2001 aren't always easy to find. EIN#=522139122 (No financials posted on this website, or that EIN#)

RE: Finding outside proof of claims it existed as an legally incorporated or registered (IRS) entity in 1994, 1995, 1997, or 2000, cont'd.

Form990.foundationcenter.org shows nothing for this entity before FY2002 (FY=calendar year for this entity) but that tax returns shows funding back to 1999 and 1998 is marked "N/A" In 2002, it was being run out of Exec Director (to this day) Mary Filardo's home. Grants are going to odd places including South America, already well-funded researchers with existing backing by other entities, and a 501(c)3 in Chicago who got its corporate status pulled for nonfiling ca. 2008

The 21st Century School Fund (21CSF) was founded in 1994 on the premise that communities are responsible for creating healthy, safe and educationally appropriate learning environments

Mission: 21CSF is dedicated to building the public will and capacity to modernize public school facilities so they support high quality education and community revitalization.

Vision: A country where every child learns in an educationally appropriate, healthy and safe school that serves as a community anchor and is built and maintained in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.

Our work: 21CSF is a well respected and relied upon force in the District of Columbia on public education, particularly related to facility planning and capital budget issues.

Locally, 21CSF has sustained and built on its experience in public private partnerships and educational facility planning. In 1995, 1997, 2000 and 2003, the District of Columbia School System (DCPS) engaged the community in a participatory master planning process. 21CSF has been extensively involved in each of these processes. We continue to provide technical advice, advocacy, information, policy analysis, and development to other districts and non-profit

As self-description, outside support is appropriate. Closer looks show it's not the entity itself, but its sponsors and friends (including Ford Foundation (for BEST collaborative) Advancement Project (\$50K for NCSF initiative; Calif, Steve English + Molly Munger, wealthy Pasadena lawyer married to English, who contributed over \$44M to a ballot measure to increase income taxes for more educ. funds); May Filardo has co-published with or at Brookings and Economic Policy Institute, also with Jeffrey M. Vincent of the UCB 21st Century Center for Cities & Schools (started in 2004). We

The founding premise statement is incomplete; it doesn't say "for whom" (thereby omitting a phrase implying that communities somehow "own" their children collectively. The statement makes no reference to taxation or rights associated with being taxed; it is guilt-based rather than rights-based.

The 21st Century School Fund offices are located in the historic Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage. The Thurgood Marshall Center, formerly the Anthony Bowen 12th Street YMCA, is located in the Shaw / U Street district of Washington, DC. Operated by the Thurgood Marshall Center Trust, Inc. (www.tmcsh.org), the building houses several other non-profit organizations dedicated to community and youth services.

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Does not say here that this nonprofit persuaded or incited the DCPS to "engage the community in a participatory master planning process"

Screenprint is not whole "About us" page (obviously), however, of that which is shown, none of my comments obscured any text or images.

This footnote not shown on the "png" image (just "pdf") because there was no space for it, however:

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