

Tracy Learning Center Injury Raises Questions About Charter School Safety and Oversight

Injury at Tracy Learning Center raises oversight concerns as CEO Carolyn Woods faces questions about student safety and accountability.

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, September 30, 2025 / EINPresswire.com/ -- A recent incident at <u>Tracy Learning Center</u> (TLC), where a student sustained serious injuries from an alleged hazardous condition on campus, is drawing attention to broader concerns about safety oversight in California's charter schools.

While charter schools are legally required to follow the same health and safety regulations as traditional public schools, they operate with less day-to-day oversight from districts. Unlike district schools, charters cannot typically access local bond funds for facilities maintenance and are largely responsible for policing their own



Team J&Y Law stands together in defense of a student injured at the Tracy Learning Center.



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campuses. This structure raises questions about whether students are adequately protected in environments funded by taxpayers but governed independently.

A 2024 state audit found that many California schools – both district and charter alike - are struggling with deferred maintenance and unsafe facility conditions, from structural deterioration to missing safety equipment. Charter schools in particular face financial hurdles, with limited access to funding streams for repairs and upkeep.

"Every parent deserves to know their child is safe at school," said Alex Boris, Senior Trial Attorney

at J&Y Law. "What happened at Tracy Learning Center is just a warning sign. When schools are underfunded and under-supervised, hazards go unnoticed, and children pay the price."

TLC is led by <u>Carolyn Woods</u>, the school's Chief Executive Officer, responsible for overseeing more than 1,300 students. She has served as CEO since 2021.



Senior Trial Attorney Alex Boris prepares the case against the Tracy Learning Center.

Meanwhile, Boris is already known for

his work defending students in dangerous school environments. In 2024, he and J&Y Law obtained the #1 settlement in San Diego County in the category of School Safety, following the case Brown v. Vista United School District. That recognition from TopVerdict.com highlights Boris's proven record of holding schools accountable when they put students at risk.



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Alex Boris, Senior Trial Attorney Nationwide, more than 200,000 children visit emergency rooms each year for playground-related injuries, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. California law requires schools to conduct certified playground inspections and ongoing maintenance, but enforcement relies heavily on individual schools' compliance.

"Charter schools play a growing role in California's education system," added Boris. "But with public funding comes public responsibility. If oversight gaps allow safety to slip through the cracks, it is fair to ask whether this model is putting students at risk."

The family of the injured child described the ordeal as both traumatic and preventable.

"Our child should have been safe at school," the parents said in a statement. "Instead, we watched him struggle through the pain of several surgeries because a hazard was ignored. This never should have happened."

They added:

"No family should have to experience what we are going through. Schools are supposed to protect children, not expose them to risks that could have been fixed with proper care and attention."

The incident at Tracy Learning Center is now the subject of active litigation. Filed under Case No. STK-CV-UPI-2024-0003400 in the San Joaquin County Superior Court, advocates say it highlights the urgent need for more transparency and accountability in how schools - especially charter campuses - manage their facilities and ensure student safety.

About J&Y Law and Senior Trial Attorney Alex Boris

J&Y Law is a leading <u>personal injury law firm</u> that represents victims across California. Senior Trial Attorney Alexander Boris has successfully negotiated millions in settlements, earning recognition on the Super Lawyers Rising Stars lists (2020–2026) and the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 under 40. Today, Boris is known for his relentless advocacy in holding negligent schools accountable and delivering justice for injured students and their families.

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