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Mr. Michael Clara, District 2
Salt Lake City Board of Education
974 South 1400 West
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Dear Mr. Clara,

Recently you highlighted challenges to teachers' effectiveness at schools within the district you represent. This is an issue of ongoing discussion at the legislature as well.

I am particularly interested in the fact that as you state, "the neediest students in the district are with the least experienced teachers" because of the high teacher attrition in West Side Salt Lake City schools.

As Utah's demographics are changing, we must be proactive in finding more ways that are effective in delivering education and supporting our dedicated teachers; and I believe you are in a unique position to help us develop these solutions.

I would like to meet with you in the near future to further discuss this issue with you.

Thank you for your service on the Salt Lake City School Board.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Niederhauser
President of the Utah State Senate