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Dr. Laurie Lacy, Title I Director
Salt Lake City School District
440 East 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Re: Title I Complaint

Dr. Lacy,

I am forwarding the accompanying complaint to your office as per state guidelines. I believe the Salt Lake City School District, in several instances, is out of compliance with the tenants of Title I. I am submitting one such occurrence for your review, utilizing the State of Utah Title I Complaint Form.

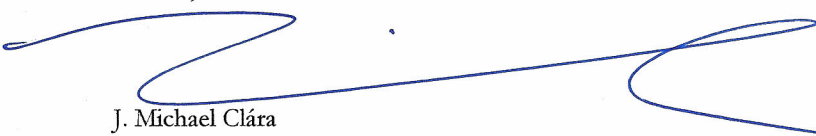
As you are aware Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, is a federal program designed to provide additional assistance to academically struggling students in high-poverty areas. This program contains a provision called the **“supplement-not-supplant”** requirement. This provision was designed to ensure that Title I funds were spent on extra educational services for at-risk students.

If, Title I programs are intended to provide poor students supplemental resources beyond what students elsewhere receive, then I fail to see the purpose of financing ‘academic coaches’ with federal money and then having the ‘academic coaches’ work at non-Title I schools.

I submit, that this practice is subverting Title I’s effort to provide supplemental services to our most vulnerable student population. In essence the District is sanctioning and perpetuating the existing inequities with Federal dollars.

I ask that you investigate this allegation as quickly as possible, as your conclusions could impact the current budget process that the School Board is currently engaged.

Shalom,



J. Michael Clára
Board Member, District 2

cc: Mr. Karl Wilson, State Director of Title I Programs

Enclosures

“Local school boards are the bedrock of our society, yet they are invisible to the public”

Señor Florez –Deseret News