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Mr. McKell Withers Salt Lake City School District 440 East 100 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84111-1891

Re: GRAMA REQUEST: Equity Audits & Climate Surveys

Dear Mr. Withers,

On June 3, 2014, the school board was asked to vote on the <u>Utah Consolidated Application (UCA) for 2014-2015</u>. Section 1.4.4 of the UCA states:

"Conduct equity audits of various district programs and practices...

Develop and administer culture and climate surveys in schools"

Prior to the meeting and at the meeting, I requested copies of the Equity Audits to date. Two weeks later, none have been provided to me. Therefore, pursuant to **Government Records Access Management Act** (GRAMA), *Utah Code* §63g-2-204:

I am requesting a copy of all <u>Equity Audits</u> and <u>Climate Surveys</u> that have been conducted in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

I believe that releasing this information is also in keeping with Utah's Open and Public Meetings Act:

'In enacting this chapter, the Legislature finds and declares that the state, its agencies and political subdivisions, exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly' (see Utah code §52-4-101).

Utah Code §63g-2-203(4) encourages agencies to fulfill a records request without charge. Based on Utah Code §63g -2-203 (4a), I am requesting a waiver of copy costs because releasing the records primarily benefits the public rather than a person. Furthermore, based on Utah Code §63g -2-203 (4c) my "legal rights are directly implicated by the information in the record" as I am an elected member of the Salt Lake City Board of Education (see Utah Code §53A-3-402).

Respectfully,

J. Michael Clára Board Member, District 2

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Señor Florez – Deseret News