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19 September 2014

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Salt Lake City Police Department
Service Desk
475 South 300 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Re: GRAMA: Police Report

Dear SLCPD Service Desk,

Pursuant to Government Records Access Management Act (GRAMA), *Utah Code §63g-2-204*:
I am requesting a copy of the police report in reference to **Shirley Canham** a former employee of the Salt Lake City School District. Specifically, she worked at **Uintah Elementary School** located at **1571 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84105** as the manager of Child Nutrition.

The School Board has been investigating an incident that occurred at Uintah Elementary on January 28, 2014, where school lunches were taken from children by child nutrition personnel and discarded in a garbage can. Following that event, the Board of Education commissioned an external investigation that was recently made public (see attached cover sheet).

At the **September 2, 2014**, School Board meeting (see enclosed minutes) one of the schools patrons reported that *"the Salt Lake City Police Department [went to the] school when students, parents, and teachers were present, to ask their lunch lady to go down to the Police Department for questioning."*

I was later told that the police went to the school (see address above) on **April 25, 2014** and took Shirley Canham to the police department for questioning. This incident was not mentioned in the external investigation commissioned by the Board of Education. The school district personnel have given conflicting and unreliable information as to why an employee of the school district was taken by the police. As an elected member of the Board of Education, I am attempting to understand the scope of the Salt Lake City Police department's involvement in the incident of lunches being discarded by school personnel.

Shalom,



J. Michael Clára
Board Member, District 2

SLC Police Department
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SALT LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS REQUEST

Date: 19/Sept/2014 Fee Paid: Receipt # _____ Amount: \$ _____

Requestor's Name: Jon Michael Clara

Requestor's Company, Agency or Business Affiliation: Member of the Salt Lake City Board of Education

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Street City State Zip

Email Address: donmiguelslc@gmail.com Fax No.: _____

Daytime Telephone: 801-521-3223 Identification No. & Type: _____

Description of Record Requested: Police Report

Date of Occurrence: _____ SLCPD Case Number: Unknown

Location of Occurrence: 1571 East 1300 South, SLC, UT 84105

Name of Involved Person(s) and Date of Birth: Shirley Canham

Explain the Purpose of Your Request and Your Involvement in the Record: See attached letter and document

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING THIS REQUEST

Your request for records will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Government Records Access Management Act (GRAMA), 63G-2-101, Utah Code Annotated. Your request will be processed as soon as reasonably possible, but may take up to ten (10) business days to be granted.

The records that may be provided to you, subsequent to your request, may contain information that is classified as "protected", "private", or "controlled", and may only be disclosed under certain circumstances, U.C.A. § 63G-2-304, 63G-2-302 and 63G-2-303.

If you are dissatisfied with Salt Lake City's response to your request, you may appeal to the City's Chief Administrative Officer by filing a written notice with the City Recorder within 30 calendar days after the date of this letter, pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-2-401. The notice of appeal must state your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number and the relief you seek. The City requests that you also include a copy of your GRAMA request, if applicable. You may include a short statement of facts, reasons, and legal authority in support of your appeal. The address of the City Recorder is P.O. Box 145515, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5515.

You agree to pay a fee of \$5.09 per report or request and any other fees in accordance with Salt Lake City Code § 2.64.130.

Signature: _____

Date: 9/19/2014

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Approved Authorized by: _____ ID#: _____ Date: _____

Denied By: _____ ID#: _____ Date: _____

Reviewed by: _____ ID#: _____ Date: _____

Reason for denial: See reverse side of this form.

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September 10, 2014

**COPY FOR YOUR
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

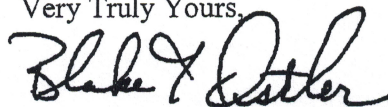
Re: Independent Investigative Final Report

Dear Board Members:

We are pleased to deliver to you the External Investigator's Final Report. This Report does not differ in any way from the initial draft Report delivered to the Board of Education for review except for minor typographical error corrections. Throughout the investigation, and in preparing the Report, we have emphasized independence from any prior investigation conducted by the School District and also from any influence by the Board of Education or any individual member thereof. Neither the initial draft Report delivered to you, nor the Final Report, as delivered after meeting with the Board of Education, was influenced in any way by any Board Member or Administrator of the Salt Lake City School District. No Board Member or Administrator attempted to influence our findings and conclusions -- and we would not have accepted such influence or any suggestions from them in any event. Thus, this Final Report represents our own findings and conclusions without regard to the interests of or influence from any individual, administrator, Board Member or the Board of Education as a whole.

It has been our honor to serve as independent investigators to the Salt Lake City School District. We submit our Final Report to the scrutiny of the Board and the public to the extent the Board of Education deems appropriate.

Very Truly Yours,



Blake T. Ostler

DRAFT - FOR BOARD REVIEW

Board Business Meeting


September 2, 2014

2. The Human Resources Department Report, included new contract employment for 64 employees, changes for 8, and releases for 13.
3. Minutes of the Board Business Meeting held August 7, 2014.

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Prior to the Requests to Speak, President Swett read a brief statement. She said the board heard from the independent external investigators on the Uintah School Lunch issue. Although the Squire report is a final report, Mr. Ostler's report is still a draft, and needs to be finalized. Instead of releasing the reports at two separate times, the board wants to release them together. The board's timeline is two weeks to have everything released to the public. It was clear to board members there was a multi-faceted breakdown of communication that precipitated the situation at Uintah.

B. REQUESTS TO SPEAK

1. Erica Lukes addressed the board on the Uintah School Lunch Investigation Reports. She said eight months later it would be nice to have answers to their questions. She said she tries to teach her children not to bully, feels the manner the district goes about business is a "bully mentality", and what has happened to Uintah's lunch lady is despicable. She asked the Superintendent who had authorized the Salt Lake City Police Department to go into their school when students, parents, and teachers were present, to ask their lunch lady to go down to the Police Department for questioning. She said she feels the district has been disingenuous, has no desire to get to the truth, and no desire to share the truth with the public. She said the parents are not going anywhere, they will be here until the issue has been resolved. 
2. Annie Payne addressed the board on the Uintah School Lunch Investigation Reports. She said she has spoken to a number of board members, and agrees there was a complete breakdown of communications all the way down the line. She said a year and a half ago the board was presented a proposal for a new lunch accounting system, *MyPaymentsPlus*. She has a hard time imagining why the board bought a \$250,000 program, but thinks the board did it in confidence that it was the right thing to do. She said she thinks the first installment of \$250,000 got the district the software, but not the part that contacts parents who have lunch balances due, yet the district thought it was all-inclusive. Uintah's lunch lady, Peggy Bjourn, and Kelly Orton all thought parents were being notified, when in fact that was not happening. She said she is concerned the district is continuing to pay *MyPaymentsPlus*, and urged the board to stop payments saying the district cannot afford to continue. She said nobody knew parents weren't being contacted, daily reports were not happening, but she does not feel punitive damages were targeted at the right people.
3. Ashley Hoopes addressed the board on the Uintah School Lunch Investigation Reports. She thanked the board for doing an external investigation. She said Uintah's lunch lady ran the lunchroom as a "safe space". Uintah's children knew they could go to the lunchroom and receive lunch in a safe environment. She said she feels Uintah's lunch lady is having to suffer the consequences of her boss putting into place a software system that did not let parents know their account balances. She said Uintah's students are feeling the loss of this safe person, and feels this could have been avoided if the school district had taken responsibility instead of pinning the problems to a lunch worker who was just trying to do the best she could.