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Ms. Heather Bennett, President
% Salt Lake City Board of Education
440 East 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Re: District Reorganization Recommendations

Dear Ms. Bennett,

I am writing to request that you invite Dr. Sandra Buendia, Dr. Kathleen Christy, Dr. Christine Marriot, Ms. Jennifer Mayer-Glenn and Mr. James Yapais to attend the February 2016, Board of Education meeting, so that they can formally present their “*Educational Equity and Social Justice*” recommendations.¹

Sadly, these recommendations were hastily distributed to the Board at the end of our January, Business meeting. After carefully reading the six page memo, I have concluded that the Board did not have the opportunity to give this document the time and consideration that it deserved. I keenly noted that the listed recommendations are in harmony with the concerns raised by my members of the community and select members of the Board.

I recognize that the Superintendent stated words to the effect that the intent was for the Board “*to think about the recommendations*”. I feel compelled to move these recommendations beyond the “*pondering*” stage. I submit, the authors of the memo and the community deserve to know where the Board stands as to these weighty matters. Which of these recommendations will the Board crystalize into action and which ones will we discard? These questions must be answered if we are truly committed to improving the educational outcomes of all our students. I look forward to a more in depth discussion surrounding these thoughtful recommendations.

Shalom,

J. Michael Clára
Board Member, District 2

cc: Dr. Sandra Buendia, Dr. Kathleen Christi, Dr. Christine Marriot, Ms. Jennifer Mayer-Glenn & Mr. James Yapais

¹ District Reorganization Memo 01/05/16 authored by Dr. Sandra Buendia, Dr. Kathleen Christy, Dr. Christine Marriot, Ms. Jennifer Mayer-Glenn and Mr. James Yapais –presented to the Board of Education

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