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**Re: Hillside Question**

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**Barbara Kuehl** <Barbara.Kuehl@slcschools.org>  
To: Michael Clára <donmiguelslc@gmail.com>  
Cc: Melissa Ford <Melissa.Ford@slcschools.org>

Thu, Feb 18, 2016 at 8:23 AM

Michael,

I'm sorry that you felt the need to mail the complaint. We talked about an appointment for today, and I just pulled up my email to tell you that I'm available this afternoon and tomorrow morning and found your response. Apparently I missed you by just a few minutes. I assure you that we are working very hard to expand opportunities for diverse students in ELP.

I do not know the details about state reimbursement for the Hillside bus. I "shrugged" in board meeting, not because I don't care, but because I don't know. The issue of how bus trips are reported to the state is not in my purview. We work with the Transportation Department to provide the number and names of eligible students, and then they manage the routes and reimbursement.

One of the reasons that I have been examining the transportation issues is so that we can better serve the students that qualify for magnet ELP students on the west side, since there is currently not a program located nearby. I plan to do some outreach with the families of students that qualify in the Glendale and Northwest areas so that we can ensure that their transportation needs are met.

Best,

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**From:** Michael Clára <donmiguelslc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2016 7:44 AM  
**To:** Barbara Kuehl  
**Cc:** Christine Christensen; Melissa Ford  
**Subject:** Hillside Question

Barbra,

I did not hear from you yesterday, so I mailed in my complaint to OCR on the MELP program.

Today, I am working on requesting an Audit from either the State Auditor or the legislature.

At the Board meeting the issue of the Hillside bus was raised. I have a question about the school district bus route 532 that starts in my area at 400 S. and Cheyenne St. and then heads north to pick up students in the Northwest School Boundaries. Based on your original boundary realignment edict to the parents, students in the Northwest area are now assigned the MELP program at West High. Does that mean the few students on this bus will no longer have bus service?

I believe you stated that this bus was transporting two 8th graders. The discussion ensued about state law requiring at least ten students before a bus route could be authorized. You shrugged it off as that is what state law requires but the District does not follow it.

It appears that we are reporting to USOE that this route does four trips.

1. One Trip is eligible for reimbursement (1,975 annual miles).
2. One trip is eligible for full reimbursement (559.2 annual miles).
3. One trip is eligible for half reimbursement (2,115.2 annual miles).
4. One trip is ineligible for reimbursement (no miles reported).

Do you know the reason for the discrepancy in reporting per trip?

The school is telling me there is only an a.m. and p.m. trip. Why is the District reporting 4 trips instead of just the 2?

For # 3 listed above, do you know what is the source of funding for the other half?

Did the Board approve the local funding? If so, do you know when that occurred?

Un abrazo,

**Michael Clára**

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Board Member, District 2

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