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Dear Board of Education,

As you are likely aware, many of our local schools can oftentimes struggle to find parents/guardians willing or able to consistently serve on their local school community council.

Utah State Board of Education (USBE) rule R277-491-3 states:

(5)(a) A public school that is a secure facility, juvenile detention facility, hospital program school, or other small or special school may receive School LAND Trust Program funds without having a school community council if the school demonstrates and documents a good faith effort to:

- (i) recruit members;
- (ii) have meetings; and
- (iii) publicize the opportunity to serve on the council.

(b) A local school board shall make the determination whether to grant the exemption for a school described in Subsection (5)(a).

As a consent item for the October 5, 2021 Board of Education meeting, I recommend the approval of an exemption as indicated in subsection (b) for the schools identified (which will be provided to board members prior to the meeting) to ensure they are compliant with state statute and board rule even as they continue to solicit parental involvement on their local councils.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Horsley", written in a cursive style.

Ben Horsley
Director, Communications and Community Outreach

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