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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Charter School Directors

FROM: Martell Menlove, Ph.D.
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: September 9, 2013

RE: Legal Advice from USOE

The Utah State Office of Education does not provide legal advice to school districts or charter schools or their employees. We encourage all to continue to contact our office and engage in conversations with USOE employees. We will continue to offer technical assistance, consultations, and offer advice and opinions. However, these conversations cannot be construed to constitute legal advice.

As the State Superintendent, I will continue to offer formal opinions on matters of importance on state-wide issues and concerns. I welcome your input as to when such opinions will be beneficial to the education of Utah students.

The Utah Attorney General provides legal advice to the Utah State Board of Education and to me as the Superintendent. If there are state-wide issues or concerns, I can discuss items with the attorney assigned to USOE, seek informal opinions from this attorney, or seek a formal opinion from the Attorney General.

Again, we at USOE appreciate the opportunity to interact with superintendents, directors, charter and district school board members, building administrators, teachers, etc. Such interactions help us better understand what is happening in schools and classrooms and often results in improving our performance and ability to provide quality service to you.

Thanks again for all that you do for students in Utah. As a new school year begins, I am again overwhelmed with the incredibly great things that are happening in classrooms across the State.

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