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Date: September 3, 2015

To: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

District 97 Board Members

From: Michael Padavic,

Senior Director of Student Services Special Education Department

Re: Response to Public Comment from Board Meeting on July 28, 2015

During the Board of Education meeting on July 28, 2015, Ms. Erika Eckart gave public comment about inclusion opportunities for her child. I spoke with Ms. Eckart about this topic on July 28, August 4 and August 12. She talked about it with her child's building principal on August 21 and August 27. She has also discussed it with her child's IEP team on multiple occasions.

During one of my conversations with Ms. Eckart, I told her about the positive and productive discussions we have had about inclusion during our Special Education Parent Advisory Committee meetings. I invited her to attend future committee meetings, and will send her the dates, times and locations of those sessions as soon as that information is available.