



Sunrise High School

Box Elder Adult Education

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To the Box Elder Board of Education;

For the past several years, Sunrise High School has had significant difficulty forming and keeping a community council. We have posted on our website the need for parents to serve on our counsel. We have solicited involvement during our Back-to-School night. We have sent automated phone calls home as well, and in spite of our efforts, we have never had any response. When we did have a community council, the secretary would start each year personally calling parent after parent asking them to please be a part of our council. She continued to call until we had the minimum of three parents agree to serve as well as a representative from one of our YIC sites. However, never did we have all three parents or the representatives attend a meeting at the same time. Our last year with a community council two parents attended the first meeting, and agreed to be the chair and vice chair. However, shortly after this one of their students quit attending and the parents quit coming as well. The other parent came pretty well, but it is difficult to have a discussion with only one parent. This was what happened each year we tried to have a community council. The year would start by begging parents to come. If we got three to agree, they would attend very sporadically, and seldom would continue coming the full year. This year we held a back to school night which was fairly well attended with over 40 students and parents. We put up a table and tried to get parents to sign up to be on the council. We again posted the invite on our website, and social media sites. We sent texts and emails out as well and have not had a single person respond with interest.

Our student body changes regularly. Many of our students come mid-year after the training and councils have been set up. Many have trouble attending, and are at risk of not finishing. Some have disengaged parents, or single parents just trying to support the family. Some are living on their own with minimal parent contact. Whatever may be the case, it is very difficult to form, let alone maintain a functioning community council here at the alternative high school.

This summer and fall, I also solicited volunteers for the Sunrise High School Community Council. Unfortunately, no one has responded or volunteered to serve.



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For the above stated reasons, I am asking that we be granted an exemption, as has been granted the past several years, and as is allowed for in State Board Rule R277-491-3 which 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.

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

Our school continues to encourage parent involvement and will continue to solicit the help of parents who desire to serve. If at any time a parent expresses interest, we will gladly form a community council. We value outside ideas and strive to build good relationships with our parents and students. We also will continue to receive community input through an interagency council that meets quarterly. At this time, with our efforts I am asking once again for an exemption from you, our board of education.

Sincerely;

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Principal - Sunrise High School