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Hard Copy Via U.S. Mail*

Dr. Molly Stein  
Superintendent  
Soda Springs School District No. 150  
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Dear Superintendent Stein:

I want to thank you and your school district for having chosen to sign a Legal Services Agreement (LSA) with MSBT Law. We very much appreciate the trust and confidence you have placed in us to assist you with your education law issues. As you may know, the LSA is on-going; there is no need to sign a yearly LSA.

I also want to take the opportunity to let you know, that after practicing education law for 29 years, I will be going to "Of Counsel" status with MSBT Law effective July 1, 2016. In my capacity as "Of Counsel," I will be stepping down from the day-to-day practice of law, but will continue to be available to the attorneys of MSBT Law and Idaho school districts for any questions that may surface regarding the various legal issues surrounding education in Idaho. This change in the emphasis of my practice will allow me to concentrate on policy development and training in the areas of education law and special education law for Idaho school districts.

My status change will in no way affect the legal services you have been receiving from MSBT Law. The attorneys at MSBT Law are well versed in the multitude of education law issues that can arise, including special education, personnel, student issues, and contracts, to name just a few.

In order to facilitate a smooth transition, the three leading MSBT Law attorneys in the education law arena are:

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- Jill Holinka, Partner – [jsh@msbtlaw.com](mailto:jsh@msbtlaw.com)
- Paul Fitzer, Partner – [pjf@msbtlaw.com](mailto:pjf@msbtlaw.com)
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Ms. Holinka, Mr. Fitzer and Mr. Nguyen will be available to answer questions and provide guidance on the many legal issues that may arise in your daily operations.

I am also enclosing for your review a brief overview of the firm, including information about the three attorneys referenced above. As you will note, the firm represents a multitude of public entities in Idaho, and provides Idaho school districts with a breadth of legal knowledge that is seldom found elsewhere.

I look forward to continuing to serve Idaho school districts in the role of meeting policy development and training needs so that public school administrators, teachers and staff can stay up-to-date with the variety of constantly changing legal issues. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions regarding the changes that will be occurring.

Sincerely,



Elaine Eberharter-Maki  
Attorney at Law

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Enclosure