



Dallas County Schools

Strengthening Education Through Service

Rick D. Sorrells, Superintendent

December 15, 2010

Mr. Don Daniel
Superintendent
Aledo Independent School District
1008 Bailey Ranch Road
Aledo, Texas 76008

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Re: Power of Attorney

Dallas County Schools (DCS) is requesting a limited Power of Attorney. Bus A48 was completely destroyed by fire on 3/10/2010. After several months of investigation, including the involvement of a federal transportation investigator, the manufacturer of the chassis/engine issued a recall related to the high pressure fuel rail system. It is our position that a fuel leak from the high pressure fuel rail system was the source of fuel and what led to the fire.

DCS authorized our attorney to pursue a claim against the responsible party(ies) to recover the cost of the destroyed bus and other assumed damages such as loss of use of three other identical buses that were removed from service for several months. Our attorney, in the course of researching information to solidify our claim, discovered the bus was not titled to DCS at the time of the fire, rather Aledo ISD was still the legal title holder of the bus. The title of the bus was not transferred to DCS until 4/23/2010.

At this time, DCS does not have legal standing to pursue any claims for the damage to this bus. Ms. Francine Hudson, COO, suggested that Aledo ISD, if you would prefer DCS to handle the matter, could assign to DCS their right to pursue the claim on behalf of Aledo ISD. Aledo ISD would grant DCS full and complete authority to settle the claim. If not, DCS has no authority to proceed and Aledo ISD will have to pursue recovery.

Sincerely,

Rick D. Sorrells, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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cc: Francine Hudson, Chief Operations Officer
Wes Scott, Chief Financial Officer