

MAYORS OF THE CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 26, 2012

Board of Education
Canyons School District
9150 S. 500 West
Sandy, UT 84070

Dear Canyons School District Board of Education:

With consideration of recent events that have questioned the character and integrity of the Canyons Board of Education and its Superintendent, Dr. David S. Doty, we are taking this opportunity to write the following letter of support.

Creating a new school district was a monumental task that greatly affected each of our five communities, and we recognize that the Board's selection of Dr. Doty as the District's first superintendent was crucial to the District's success. We view Dr. Doty's qualifications and credentials as impeccable, and have believed since his hiring that he is the right person for the job. He has since selected an outstanding staff to make our District one of the best, if not the best, in the state.

We value the countless hours Superintendent Doty spends in each of the District's 45 schools. We also appreciate his diligence in communicating the need for career- and college-ready academic programs that will prepare all students to succeed. Dr. Doty regularly communicates with parents, students, the educational community and the cities represented in Canyons District as we have worked together to improve educational programs and student performance.

Since the District's inception four years ago, the Superintendent and Board also have addressed the construction needs for schools that were unsafe and that, because of their condition, failed to address the needs of school employees and students. Work has begun to renovate and rebuild schools in Midvale, Cottonwood Heights and Sandy, and growth in the south end of the Salt Lake Valley is being addressed with new schools in Draper.

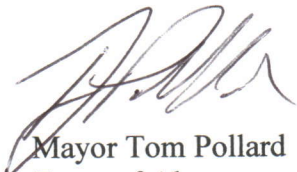
The newly formed Canyons Education Foundation has received accolades for its fundraising efforts aimed at ensuring that all schools have the resources to develop their programs and address local needs. The District's comprehensive safety programs have involved community leaders and public safety groups in ways that are cooperative and effective.

Moreover, the Superintendent's knowledge of the communities he serves, and the personal relationships he has formed with parents and students, shows his unwavering support of both. His commitment to civility as a guiding principle has made a significant difference in strengthening those bonds.

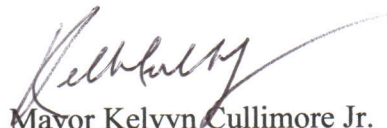
While we believe that the majority of citizens in our communities also recognize these successes, we accept that there will always be some naysayers. We worry, however, that recent criticism unfairly maligns the District and Superintendent. We are especially concerned that the Superintendent, as a resident of one of the communities we represent, has been the target of attacks and criticism to him personally and to his family and children. As mayors, we feel that such actions should involve the Board rather than the media and should not become personal.

We, as mayors, encourage the Board and Superintendent to not allow the efforts of a few to distract you from important educational goals and urge them to continue to put the parents and children of Canyons School District first. Change is always difficult, but we stand firmly behind the Board of Education and Superintendent. You have our full support as we work together for the families and students we all serve.

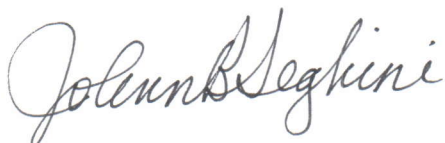
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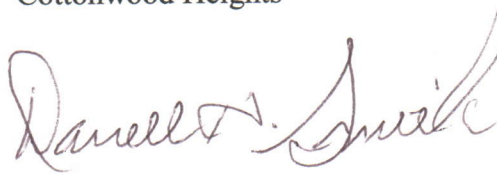
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