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To: Monica Chenault <clerk@alpinewy.gov>

Subject: FW: "Motion for approval to spend \$10,000 from the Economic Development Funds towards a \$30k proposal to apply, recruit a school to the Town of Alpine, for Dougherty Strategies, LLC"

For distribution to Town Council:

I, Eric Green, Mayor of the Town of Alpine, WY, am hereby announcing the veto of the "Motion for approval to spend \$10,000 from the Economic Development Funds towards a \$30k proposal to apply, recruit a school to the Town of Alpine, for Dougherty Strategies, LLC" from the December 19th Town council meeting. I have made this decision, based on meetings with the Alpine Public Education Committee, after the vote on that motion.

On January 15th, the Public Education Committee met with Senator Dan Dockstader, Janine Bay-Teske, current member of the Wyoming Charter School Authorizing Board, and Dave Jenkins, Lincoln County School Board member. At that meeting, it was decided that the committee would focus on getting the LCSD #2 to change Etna Elementary to K-6 and push to get a new Middle School somewhere between Etna and Alpine in the future. That way our young children would only be approximately 10 miles from home for K-8, reducing the hours Alpine children spend commuting to school. When the population in the Town of Alpine is justified, we would take the steps to push for our own K-6 school, like the rest of the school district.

During that meeting, it was discussed that we may also want to research getting a charter school simultaneously. Because there is a moratorium on charter schools in the State of Wyoming until 2026, the committee decided that the spending of \$10,000 on a consultant specializing on getting us a charter school, would be a waste of Town of Alpine funds. When the committee decides it is time to hire a consultant for a specific task, they will present that opportunity to the Town Council. Until then, the Public Education Committee is committed to finding the best solutions for education for the children of Alpine.

We are calling a special meeting to proceed the work session on February 6th. At that meeting, a Town Council member may make a motion to overturn the veto, which would require a 75% vote to overturn. If anyone has any questions on this topic, please refer to the information below sent from our Town Attorney. If you have further questions, please contact James Sanderson directly.

Regards,

Eric

Eric Green
Town of Alpine Mayor