



April Contract Report

April 10, 2025

Mayor Green and Members of the Town Council,

The month following the Legislature has been dedicated to two tasks: First, working to assure the Governor did not veto the Charter School bill. I am especially appreciative of the Herculean efforts of Senator Dockstader, President Driskill and several others who worked to assure the governor did not exercise his line item veto authority regarding this issue. Senator Dockstader has also worked diligently to assure the various stakeholders interested in finding solutions to the educational facility challenges in Alpine are kept apprised. He continues to encourage civil conversations and collaboration on the subject.

Second, I have put a considerable amount of time into preparing a presentation for the Education Committee that provides an overview of the various processes at hand for either pursuing a public school construction remedy or requesting a non-construction remedy in the form of the reconfiguration of an existing school. Because the content is vast, the presentation contains many hyper links to relevant rules and certain statutes that I thought the committee would find helpful for reference purposes in the future. I also includes relevant Gant charts to help the Committee understand anticipated time frames associated with the processes. It also is my intention to request an audience with the committee for the purpose of presenting the Powerpoint and answering any questions I can.

In addition to these two tasks, I have also fielded phone calls from charter schools like APA in Salt Lake and the Classical Academy in Casper. Both have an interest in helping the community realize a charter school. I am expecting a call from a third charter school that is focused on career technical education.

On April 8th and 9th, I worked with Kelly Shackelford to develop a working document that includes a strategy and approach for the upcoming LCSD2 Board of Trustees workshop with the Committee. Later on the evening of the 10th, I met with the Committee by phone.

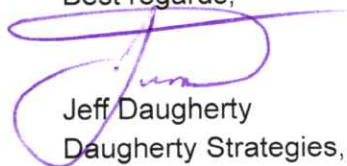
We discussed the differences between the Facility Planning Process, the MCER process and a Reconfiguration Request. We discussed strategies for getting a reconfiguration of Etna elementary included in the MCER. We also discussed the benefit of also including it in the LCSD2 District Facilities Plan.

The Committee advises me that the School District may have concerns with reconfiguration. Therefore, since the Facility Plan is near the end of the district stage, the probability of inserting reconfiguration into the plan as a strategy is unlikely at this point. Given the interest of the Committee in exploring reconfiguration as a remedy, they will likely focus on persuading the district to include it as a remedy alternative in the MCER. I like this approach in that including it in the MCER gets the idea to the Board of Trustees and the School Facilities Commission. The Facility Plan is more of a staff level document at the district stage while the MCER will be approved by the Trustees.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we discussed strategies for engaging the school board in the hope of realizing an open, transparent and inclusive MCER process. The intention of the Committee is to positively agitate for an approach where all comments and input from the public is taken seriously for evaluation purposes. Importantly, the Committee will respectfully request that the district take reasonable steps to make sure the public portion of the MCER isn't inadvertently or unduly influenced by the district. I believe the Committee is prepared with some thoughtful strategies to suggest to the Trustees.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,



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