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Utah State Board of Education Leadership Statement on Board Member's Recent Social Media Post

SALT LAKE CITY – We have received public concern regarding a recent social media post by Board Member Natalie Cline, which names a specific school and contains no statement indicating the post is her personal opinion and not to be attributed to the board. We are reviewing this post for potential Board Bylaw violations.

Member Cline and other board members are free to speak as private citizens outside of their official capacity as board members and in compliance with Board Bylaws. The comments of one board member as a private citizen do not reflect nor should be construed as the board's position on any matter. Official board positions are made in public meetings, voted on by the full board, and documented on the website.

The board's official position on issues, including some recently raised in Member Cline's posts, can be found on the board's website and include: the [Board's strategic plan](#), [the Board's Resolution Denouncing Racism and Supporting Equity in Schools](#), and [civic education](#). The board does not condone rhetoric that is in opposition to these public positions or that inspires any type of hate speech against students.

Sincerely,

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