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MEMORANDUM

To: Utah State Board of Education

From: Ben Rasmussen, Director of Law and Professional Practices

Date: July 15, 2021

Re: Public Hearing on Proposed Rule R277-328 Educational Equity in Schools

This amended memorandum will serve to outline the procedures that will be followed in conjunction with the public hearing scheduled for July 22, 2021 regarding proposed amendments to Rule R277-328. Pursuant to R15-1-5(2), I have been appointed as hearing officer for this public hearing.

The public hearing will commence at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah and the Board will hear public comment for up to two hours, but no less than one hour. Individuals may also participate online using the Zoom platform by sending a request for the meeting link to Cybil Child, Board Secretary, at cybil.child@schools.utah.gov.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments, statements, or other feedback, which will be made part of the hearing record and posted on the State Board of Education's website. Written comment should be submitted to rule.comments@schools.utah.gov. Written comment to be posted prior to the hearing will be accepted until close of business, Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

This hearing follows a public hearing request by the Utah Education Association, Academic Integrity Movement, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, the Utah Ethnic Studies Coalition, and Utah Citizens for Positive Change. These groups will each be allowed to make a ten-minute presentation to the Board.

Other parties will be permitted to present as time allows, with priority given to those individuals who request to be heard in advance by emailing Cybil Child, Board Secretary, at cybil.child@schools.utah.gov, by close of business Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Individuals

should provide their name and address and indicate whether they wish to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed amendments to the rule. A signup sheet will also be available at the hearing. Individuals wishing to give public comment through zoom must contact the Board Secretary in advance of the hearing. Individuals may be allowed between 2-3 minutes as determined by the hearing officer. An individual may not yield time to another speaker. Those making public comment are encouraged to avoid restating points made in previous comments and to avoid reading written comments that may be submitted to the hearing officer. Individuals are encouraged to provide specific changes recommended to the rule.

Following the hearing, the Board will continue to accept written comment by email through close of business July 30, 2021.

It is anticipated that the hearing record will be submitted to the full Board for consideration at the Board's August 5, 2021 meeting. Further questions regarding the conduct of the hearing may be directed to the hearing officer at ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov.