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### Statement on Concerns Regarding Board Member Actions

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) firmly believes that children must be protected from inappropriate sexual material in the school setting.

USBE leadership strongly disapproves of recent social media statements by one board member that schools are “complicit in the grooming of children for sex trafficking” and “brainwashing them into queer, gender bending ideologies.”

Such an allegation against schools generally are inflammatory, divisive and unfair to Utah’s teachers, who put Utah’s students first every day and interfere with efforts to provide thoughtful solutions to difficult issues. We also condemn any harassment or discrimination against teachers or students on the basis of sexual orientation as provided by Utah law.

USBE applauds the diligent and indispensable efforts of Utah teachers, parents and education leaders to serve and protect our students and to create environments conducive to learning. We will continue to support them in this critical work.

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