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Sent via email and regular mail

Budget Exploratory Committee to the Elko County School District (ECSD)
ATTN: Clayton Anderson, ECSD Superintendent
Elko County School District
850 Elm Street
Elko, NV 89801
Email: canderson@ecsdnv.net

Re: Budget Exploratory Committee's Violation of Nevada Open Meeting Laws

Dear Superintendent Anderson:

We represent the Elko Daily Free Press, the primary newspaper in Elko, Nevada. According to the information available to our client, the ECSD created a Budget Exploratory Committee ("Committee"), which met in private to investigate and advise on the ECSD's budget. This letter the Budget Exploratory Committee's comply with Nevada's Open Meeting Laws ("OML"), which are set forth in NRS 241.010 et seq.

We understand that at the February 3, 2026, school board meeting you represented that the Committee's meetings are "finished." Nonetheless we demand compliance with OML. We request any meeting minutes and all supporting materials that were created for or during the Committee meetings, including, but not limited to, the Committee's recommendations. We demand these documents be provided to us no later than February 20, 2026. Additionally, we demand that any future Committee meetings are conducted in full compliance with OML, including providing proper notice, public access to the meetings, and availability to the public of supporting materials.

Keeping this process secret prevents the public, including the district's staff and teachers, and parents from understanding the decision making process on things that directly impact them. The public has a right to know what is leading to decisions about cutting jobs and moving students withing the district. If these decisions are made by elected officials, the voters have a right to know so that they can make informed decisions at the polls.

If the Committee fails to comply with these demands to ensure OML compliance, our client may pursue enforcement remedies, including filing a complaint with the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, and filing a civil lawsuit. It is also prudent to remind you that members of the Committee that willfully violate OML may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and can be subject to monetary fines.

Please direct your response to me by the deadline above. If you believe another District representative or counsel should receive this correspondence, please promptly advise and forward this letter accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian J. Russell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first name.

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