

Sequel Youth and Family Services Statement on Mount Pleasant Academy July 12, 2019

Sequel Youth and Family Services has decided to initiate a plan to take the Mount Pleasant Academy student census to zero. The demand for this type of program has consistently declined in recent years to the point that there are only a handful of students enrolled at Mount Pleasant Academy today. In order to be able to support the necessary services for students, the population needs to be a minimum size, which it has been significantly under for several months.

We do not make this decision lightly. Over the next thirty days, we will be working collaboratively with families, state agencies and case workers to ensure that each student is transferred to an appropriate alternative behavioral health program. During that time, we will maintain all licensing regulations, staffing ratios and fulfill all customer contractual requirements. The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority and we will work to minimize any interruptions to their continuity of care.

We have informed Utah Department of Human Services of our plans. We are not relinquishing our license. It is valid for another 10 months. We are considering how to repurpose Mount Pleasant to serve the needs of a broader population of clients.

This decision is not connected to the decision about Red Rock Canyon School or in any way related to other Sequel programs.

Sequel is privileged with the trust of many partners, agencies, and families across the country to equip our students with the tools, motivations, life skills and education necessary to lead successful lives. We treat that responsibility with the utmost respect, and work relentlessly to identify opportunities to be a more effective provider and build the services and programs necessary to meet and exceed our clients' needs and customers' expectations.