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Laura Hanson Email: Laura.Hanson@oregonlegislature.gov

RE: GRAMA Request

Dear Ms. Hanson:

In response to your GRAMA request for copy of public records for facilities operated by the state of Utah,

Provo Canyon School in Provo, UT Falcon Ridge Ranch in Virgin, UT Lava Heights Academy in Toquerville, UT Mt. Pleasant Academy in Mt. Pleasant, UT Red Rock Canyon in St. George, UT

Materials requested:

- Any and all written communications between any person acting on behalf of the Oregon Department of Human Services and the State of Utah regarding any of these facilities. This is inclusive of email, text message, postal mail or other written documents for 2016 to the present
- Any and all licensing surveys of any or all of these facilities from 2016 to the present
- Any and all records of licensing or abuse violations at any or all of these facilities from 2016 to the present
- Any and all records of notices of licensing actions including but not limited to limitations on admissions, revocations, suspension, or conditions from 2016 to the present
- Any and all records of notice of cancellation of contract between any public entity in the state of Utah and any or all of these facilities from 2014 to the present
- Any and all records regarding notices of deficiency issues to any of these institutions 2016 to the present
- Any and all records of criminal charges brought against any employee of any of these facilities from 2016 to the present
- The total bed count for each facility

I have attached a file for each facility.

Notice of Agency Actions as well as any complaints that resulted in any violations are classified as Public (63G-2-301) and are being provided to you in accordance with the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act.

Also, pursuant to R501-1-10(2)(e), "Pending investigations or those that result in no rule violation findings in regards to the complaints or critical incidents shall be classified as Protected 63G-2-305. Access shall be provided to the person who provided the record or to an individual who has power of attorney and a notarized release from all interested parties who were protected by the classification."

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 63G-2-302, unsubstantiated complaints are classified as Protected. The information that you have provided does not demonstrate that you are entitled to Protected records. To the extent that your request seeks Private and/or Protected records, your request is being denied.

Your request for criminal charges brought against any employee of any of these facilities from 2016 to the present is denied as we do not maintain those records.

Please be advised that we only maintain records for the State of Utah, Department of Human Services, Office of Licensing and therefore would only maintain communication between the Office of Licensing and the State of Oregon.

If you believe any information was denied unreasonable, you may file an appeal to the following administrative officer:

Sonia Sweeney Chief GRAMA Officer DHS/Office of Administrative Hearings 195 N. 1950 W. Salt Lake City, UT 84116 801-538-3900

The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of this notice and must contain your name, mailing address, daytime telephone number and the relief sought. You may include a short statement of facts, reasons and legal authority in support of your appeal.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Gayle R. Luciano</u> Gayle R. Luciano GRAMA Officer cc: Michael McDonald, AAG <u>mikemcdonald@agutah.gov</u> Ashley Sumner <u>ashleysumner@utah.gov</u>