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Re: **Education Interim Committee Report – 2014**
Jordan School District's Spending of Capital Outlay Increment Monies

Dear Committee Members:

Jordan School District has committed the county-wide equalization funds to construct three new schools. Fox Hollow Elementary School (1,000 student capacity) in West Jordan -- opened fall 2011, Copper Mountain Middle School (1,500 student capacity) in Herriman -- opened fall 2013, and Blackridge Elementary School (1,000 student capacity) in Herriman -- scheduled to open fall 2014. Projected school costs are as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Projected Cost*</u>
Fox Hollow	\$16,500,000
Copper Mountain	39,000,000
Blackridge	<u>22,000,000</u>
Total	\$77,500,000

Jordan School District has received (or is projected to receive) the following County-wide equalization funds:

2009-10	\$ 9 million	(actual)
2010-11	\$ 5 million	(actual)
2011-12	\$ 9 million	(actual)
2012-13	\$10 million	(actual)
2013-14	\$10 million	(actual)
2014-15	\$ 9 million	(projected)
2015-16	\$ 9 million	(projected)
2016-17	<u>\$ 9 million</u>	(projected)
Total	<u>\$70 million</u>	(projected)

*includes construction, land, fixtures, furnishings, and equipment.

The Jordan School District Board of Education has dedicated all County-wide equalization funds towards construction of these three schools. As identified above, the projected revenues will be insufficient to fund these schools. Other District capital outlay funds will be necessary to supplement these projects.

Jordan School District is committed to utilizing our buildings as efficiently as possible. We have 22 of our 34 elementary schools on a year-round calendar. In addition, we have over 230 portable classrooms in place throughout the district. We continue to add portables, as necessary, each year.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Interim Business Administrator

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