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SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY MEMORANDUM

Date: January 28, 2020
To: Legislative Management Committee
From: Brian Nelson, State Risk Manager
Re: Estate of Becky Bell vs. Granite School District
Date of Loss: January 11, 2018

AUTHORITY REQUESTED: \$717,000.00

Fact Summary: Pedestrian Becky Bell (age 37) was killed instantly when she was struck by a Granite School District bus at approximately 7:00 A.M., on January 11, 2018. It was dark outside, and Mrs. Bell was wearing dark clothing while crossing the street at 5400 South and 5200 West in Salt Lake City. It was unclear to the investigating officer and our consulting engineer whether Mrs. Bell was within or adjacent to the crosswalk. The bus driver was traveling approximately eight miles per hour over the posted speed limit and did not see Mrs. Bell prior to impact.

Injuries: As indicated above, Mrs. Bell was killed instantly.

Settlement Rationale: Mrs. Bell was survived by Kevin Bell, her husband of approximately two years. She had also adopted Mr. Bell's two minor daughters, who considered Mrs. Bell to be their mother. Mrs. Bell was the primary wage-earner in her household at the time of this loss.