

## Re: response

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From thinkeldey@alta-aurelia.k12.ia.us <thinkeldey@alta-aurelia.k12.ia.us>

To Alta-Aurelia Citizens For Progress <Alta-AureliaCitizensForProgress@proton.me>

Date Monday, May 6th, 2024 at 8:57 PM

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Hello,

Thank you for your letter. I have called Drew several times and I have had at least one 45 minute call with Pam. I have called your hotline. I have demonstrated commitment and care for my position. You have ducked me at all corners, and we all know why - you do not sincerely believe any crime was committed. It's merely an event you have latched onto in an attempt to discredit our administration's credibility in having a robust conversation around future facility needs in the district.

You have contacted our heating and plumbing people, and they have given you answers you didn't want to hear. My belief is that you have already contacted the sheriff, And if you haven't, your "evidence" is completely public now and the sheriff has all of it. We are not in charge of our police - they have the ability to investigate all crimes without our call or consent. Perhaps you should've learned that in the law school you attended (or Paul). So I sincerely ask - what is it you want this board to do?

Pam has sent me text messages indicating her very overt intent which is that Alta should be a school on its own and should utilize the old school for that purpose. Drew and Sarah hate public education period. I do not know Dave's position. But it appears you are all aligned in one area - making sure ALTA AURELIA public school does not advance in any way. Our board will viciously fight a group that has that at the center of their intent for "progress".

You did not address this issue in good faith. You approached this board with a wild, defamatory, conclusion from no credible "evidence". It is reasonable to make an argument that we could have managed the old boiler differently. It is reasonable to disagree with our decisions on discontinuing the use of part of a building that no longer serves our district, and then to voice that concern. These are hard decisions and there are competing ideas and concerns. We do the best we can with available evidence when we make decisions - and sometimes they do not go the way we hoped. Knowing what we know about the boiler failure, maybe we would have done a more extensive repair in the summer, but now we have the benefit of hindsight.

What your group decided to do was insane. Coupled with attaching board members personal cell phone numbers and private work email addresses - you should be horribly horribly ashamed of your actions. So do not for one second warn me about my behavior in an upcoming public meeting. Hypocritical doesnt even begin to describe your group.

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Make no mistake, I take all of my obligations incredibly seriously, and our board is no different. We are very satisfied with the job Denny has done as superintendent and we will continue leading this district into the future with all of our stakeholders interests in mind. We will not be threatened or intimidated.

I have been so uplifted by the community response to your flier. I have had hours of conversations over the past 5 days. So far it's roughly 40+ phone calls and probably 20+ in person conversations. Every single one was positive towards our intent and our leadership of this district. I know you have spent significant effort in encouraging your supporters to call me, but none of them have. You haven't. I am not trying to rub anything in here, just simply stating that our community disagrees with your position, and you have damaged your reputations as a result. I look forward to anyone from your group returning a call from me or calling me on their own accord. I very honestly haven't heard from a single person that shares your perspective.

It is for these reasons that I respectfully decline your invitation to attend any meeting you decide to put on. Thank you for your attention and concern. We look forward to your attendance at our upcoming meeting.

-Tom Hinkeldey.

On May 6, 2024, at 12:23 PM, Alta-Aurelia Citizens For Progress <Alta-AureliaCitizensForProgress@proton.me> wrote:

Dear Tom,

Please see attachment, as a response to your voicemail.

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.