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Press Release

Nevada Accountability KPS3 Invoices And Contracts With Washoe Schools Back To January 2017 ***“School Board Members Should Not Accept Campaign Contributions From Superintendents”***

Reno, Nevada - Todd “Taxpayer” Bailey submitted Public Information Request #190723-06 for all invoices and contracts between Washoe County School District and the advertising agency KPS3 since January 2017. The Washoe County School Board spent over \$8,000 on public relations with KPS3 during the termination of Superintendent Traci Davis, while also spending over \$1 million per year on a district communications department that normally communicates with the media.

Relationship With KPS3 Unexpected: *“Of all the issues surrounding the termination of Superintendent Traci Davis, the engagement of an outside public relations firm is the most unexpected one. We do not understand the situation, and that’s why we are requesting more information. Public Relations through an outside firm seems redundant when an entire department exists at an annual expense of over \$1 million. There needs to be a review of the contracts and billing, over \$8,000 for public relations when the district is claiming financial structural deficits seems excessive for the services that were provided”,* said Mr. Bailey

Political Contributions Involved: *“According to campaign finance reports, both President Katy Simon-Holland and Trustee Angela Taylor received campaign contributions from events hosted by KPS3 which raised substantial contributions”,* said Mr. Bailey. *“It is also interesting that Trustee Angela Taylor received a political contribution from Superintendent Traci Davis, which should’ve prompted her recusal from voting on her termination, she was the only trustee to suggest a settlement. Washoe County School Board members should NOT be accepting campaign contributions from Superintendents. Does anyone have a problem with the superintendent making contributions to board members? What if it were 4 board members receiving the legal limit of \$10,000 from the superintendent, hoping to elect a majority? It is a question we should all be asking.”*

Nevada Accountability collects publicly available data, conducts deep policy research, and provides analysis through public reporting. For more information or to interview Todd “Taxpayer” Bailey, call **775 338-4443** to schedule. Membership information is available at www.NevadaAccountability.com

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