

**TAOS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS
MEMO**

TO: Roberto J. Gonzales, Acting Superintendent

FROM: Jeanelle Livingston, Coordinator of Exceptional Programs

RE: Response to IDEAS Audit Report

DATE: 14July 2009

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I received an e-mail from Lili Segret, IDEAS, July 13, 2009, requesting that I review the IDEAS' audit report and respond to the findings specific to the Exceptional Programs Department using the format that she set up. I am requesting that I receive written direction from you, as my direct supervisor, on how to proceed in this matter. I am requesting your expectations and time line of completion and how these responses will be used. It is my understanding from the Board meeting on July 8, 2009 that administrators and other staff members would be able to address these findings in an open, public meeting. Responding in the format requested will take considerable time and use of staff and documented evidence and resources. As you know, our office is currently closed due to the abatement process at Enos.

In reviewing the findings, I have considerable concerns and questions about the process of gathering the information, the validity of the findings, the lack of timely and professional sharing of the audit with administrators and several Board members prior to the presentation of the audit, and the lack of focus on positive and proactive solutions/outcomes in addressing these findings.

As I stated to you before on several occasions, I have no confidence in the IDEAS' group or their audit process and subsequent report. In all the years, as an educator, I have never been involved in a process that does not allow departments being audited or evaluated to respond in a professional and timely manner or a process that publicly discredits departments and staff without prior review of the information.

Please be advised that I will not respond to Ms. Segret's request until I receive a formal response from you. I await your written direction.

Thank you.

CC: Lili Segret, IDEAS

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