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Via Email

Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board c/o Lori Bird, General Counsel 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road Scottsdale, AZ 85250 lbird@susd.org

Scottsdale Unified School District/Jann-Michael Greenberg

Re:

Dear Ms. Bird:

I write to you regarding serious and disturbing reports about the Scottsdale Unified School District ("SUSD") Board and its members. As you may know, the Arizona Attorney General's Office ("AGO") has statutory authority to investigate violations of Arizona's public monies laws and open meeting laws and may seek penalties up to and including removal of board members from office. See A.R.S. §§ 35-212, 38-431.01, 38-431.07.

The AGO has been made aware of allegations that SUSD Board President Jann-Michael Greenburg was involved in creating and/or sharing a private dossier that stored the personal information of parents with children attending SUSD schools. The dossier allegedly contained screenshots of Facebook conversations parents had about their opposition to topics such as critical race theory and mask mandates, photos and videos of parents protesting SUSD, photographs of minor children, individuals' social security numbers, and screenshots of parents' Facebook profiles.

It has been reported that the above external drive was available or could be accessed by other board members, which may circumvent Arizona open meeting laws. Whether any public monies were improperly used in the creation and/or maintenance of this dossier is also a serious concern. If true, these allegations are very disturbing and must be investigated.

The AGO therefore requests a meeting with you and any other representative of SUSD to discuss the allegations and obtain further information.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Catlett Deputy Solicitor General Government Accountability Unit