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From: Hintz, <mailto:HintzS@District279.org> Susan (ESC)
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 5:10 PM
Subject: RE: An interesting tidbit....

Thanks [REDACTED] I'll find out on the budget question. That should have been easy. TEAMWORKS hasn't even given us other proposals. I have asked the president to be at our meetings on Wednesday, because I think that the unavailability of other ideas has been troubling to people, and I asked him to address it.

Susan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 5:07 PM
To: Hintz, Susan (ESC)
Subject: Re: An interesting tidbit....

Well, one specifically, after I talked to Kim Green and she told me we could go to the district and look at the budget, I had 2 parents who requested it and were turned down. Second, although there was only one proposal made by timeworks to the school board, I have heard directly from them that there were several that were not, why have those not been made public?

I think I'm, much like you just overwhelmed and am not attempting to accuse you personally, and am definitely looking forward to what you will have to share on Wednesday. I would not want to be in your shoes and be in the middle of all of this. I applaud you for staying as in touch as you have. I think all around that the communication is difficult, and, as I said earlier, shame on me for not being more involved earlier. I have been putting it off till both my kids were full day (next year). This has been an eye opening experience.

Thank you for all you are doing and for responding so promptly.

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From: Hintz, <mailto:HintzS@District279.org> Susan (ESC)
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 4:56 PM
Subject: RE: An interesting tidbit....

Dear [REDACTED]

Please share with me what kinds of information that people are seeking and not finding. We have nothing to hide, I promise. To the contrary, I feel that I have been very transparent and consistent in my messages to the staff and community since I became the superintendent. As you know, it's difficult to get enough accurate information out soon enough. What do you suggest?

Thank you,

Susan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 3:11 PM
To: Hintz, Susan (ESC)
Subject: Re: An interesting tidbit....

Susan,

Thank you for your prompt response, I am honestly in a predicament here, I definitely want to see my children's best interest served immediately, and yet, from research I have done I know ultimately that cannot be done without looking at the much broader picture. Our first steps need to be at a district level to determine how we can make changes which will affect our children the least possible and then we need to communicate to these same families how they need to get involved on a broader scale to keep this from becoming an issue again in the future. I hope you are making a contact list from all the families you are hearing from in all of this.

I have two children in the district and at Cedar Island, one who is in [REDACTED] and who is both [REDACTED] and also [REDACTED] of which she has been placed [REDACTED] only other [REDACTED] Cedar Island is being supported by [REDACTED] and I can see that she may need other special education services in the future, so, we are receiving benefits of our district at many levels. Yet, I cannot say that all the services we have encountered have been as effective as I would like.

I am trying to bring myself up to par on all of the data out there, and am definitely overwhelmed. First, there is so much information, and second, some of the information we are trying to get seems to be very difficult to obtain, which makes me concerned as a parent that there are issues not only bigger than me, but, issues that have some sort of hidden agenda. Whether there is or not, there needs to be a better way to access or share the necessary information to be able to make informed choices.

I am glad to hear that the lines of communication have been opened up and that some other parent proposals are being viewed and given consideration. I am also anxious to hear what will be said at the board meeting. I just want to make sure that of course, first, my children and my community children, but ultimately that the children of the district are best being served by decisions both administratively and budgetary in our district and plan to take the necessary steps to see this happen.