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Alpine School District Reconfiguration/Interlocal agreements

PLEASANT GROVE – The Alpine Education Association (AEA) met on August 26, 2024, to discuss the potential Alpine School District reconfiguration/interlocal agreements that will be on the 2024 general election ballot.

The AEA Board of Directors voted unanimously not to support a district reconfiguration or interlocal agreements. After weighing all possible options, the board concluded that it was in the best interest of educators and students to stay as one district. We have surveyed our members, and a strong majority of them are not in favor of a district reconfiguration.

Alpine School District has a long history of working with its employees and doing what is best for educators and students. We realize that being a large district, problems occur; however, smaller districts are not immune to the same problems that occur in larger districts.

The Board of Directors looked at all possible options and weighed the pros and cons of each. It's clear that staying as a larger district brings more opportunities to the students of Alpine School District. The district as a whole has more funding as a large district to keep optional programs running in trying to meet the needs of all students.

We realize that there are differing sides to the reconfiguration issue. This decision in no way is against those who believe a reconfiguration is warranted. The decision is what the Board feels is in the best interest of our educators in terms of salary, benefits, and policy. One united Alpine School District is also in the best way to help all students receive the educational services they deserve.