



# Uintah School District

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December 14, 2005

Ms. Margaret Plane  
Staff Attorney  
American Civil Liberties Union of Utah Foundation, Inc.  
355 North 300 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

Dear Ms. Plane:

Uintah School District is in receipt of a copy of a letter sent to Dennis Judd, legal representative for Principal Robert Stearmer of Uintah High School regarding a dress code incident involving Danielle Erin Edgar. It is the intent of the district to handle this matter outside the legal system.

Although the school does not concur with the definition of "formal attire", the district concurs with your legal findings, which have been supported by the Utah State Office of Education's legal representative, Carol Lear. Given the legal standings around this issue, we would like this letter to serve as the requested letter of compliance that Uintah High School will not in the future use traditional gender dress as a dress code for extra-curricular activities, especially formal or semi formal dances.

Our district will alert the high school administration and teachers that the expectation of the district will be to follow the district dress code without adding expectations that may be controversial, such as required gender dress that sparked this concern. You can be assured that the high school will adhere to the district policy, which is attached for your consideration. The district will also review our current policy with the state legal council to be sure we are meeting the letter of the law.

Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance in this or other matters. If you have further questions or concerns, you can contact me at 781-3100 ext. 1010., or email at [dixie.allen@uintah.net](mailto:dixie.allen@uintah.net).

Sincerely,

Dixie Allen  
Student Services Director

cc: Superintendent Wayne Gurney  
Robert Stearmer, Uintah High School Principal  
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