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**Jeffco Schools Internal Organizational Fraud Allegation - JeffcoNet**

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To: Copeland Brenna &lt;brenna.copeland@jeffco.k12.co.us&gt;

Good afternoon,

Please forward the following email and attachment to all members of the Financial Oversight Committee.

Thank you.

Robert Greenawalt  
303-335-9806

Good afternoon members of the Jeffco FOC,

I believe that Jeffco schools has committed an instance of internal organizational fraud. It appears that District staff added the \$21M JeffcoNet project to the Capital Improvement Program in direct contradiction to an October 2019 Board vote that funding explicitly come from the Capital Reserve Fund, not the Capital Improvement Program.

Therefore, as members of the Financial Oversight Committee, responsible for fostering "adherence to the district's policies, procedures and practices" I am asking you to initiate an independent external fraud investigation into this allegation.

Note that I am not saying that Jeffco cannot move this project into the CIP. However, what I am saying is that in the absence of a Board vote to counter the original vote or a specific policy that allows District staff to disregard Board votes, this could be characterized as a fraudulent movement of funds.

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners would call this an instance of 'Internal Organizational Fraud' or 'Occupational Fraud' and this would bring into question Jeffco's internal controls that should prevent such fund movement.

I realize that you may have a disinterest in investigating my concern and that District staff may do everything within their power to dismiss, discredit, slow-walk or come up with unsupported reasons why they can do this. However, my point is that when the community sees a Board vote and the Board gives explicit direction on an issue that direction should be faithfully carried out by District staff in the absence of another vote or policy that allows otherwise.

Trust is everything. With a bond program now trending toward being \$150M over initial cost estimates Jeffco needs to do everything it can to restore taxpayer trust. Disregarding and violating Board votes and resolutions will not restore public trust. These actions actually create even more distrust.

Therefore, I'm asking you to fully, independently and expeditiously investigate the concern I outline in the attached document. Please feel free to call me to discuss in more detail if you don't understand my concern.

Thank you for providing the needed independent oversight of Jeffco's finances.

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