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Dear Members of the Tooele County School Board,

My name is Mike Terry. I currently serve as a law enforcement officer for the State of Utah and have proudly called Tooele home for my entire life. As I look toward retirement in the coming 2.5 years, I've been working on a project that reflects both my passion for education and my hope to continue serving the youth of our community in a new way.

My career began with the Tooele City Police Department, where I had the privilege of teaching the Lions Quest program to every 6th grade class throughout Tooele City for two years. I later worked directly with Superintendent Mark Ernst while serving as the School Resource Officer at Blue Peak High School, where I developed a deep appreciation for the unique needs of our local student population. From there, I continued my career with the Saratoga Springs Police Department for two years before joining the Utah Highway Patrol, where I've now served for nearly 12 years.

During my time with UHP, I created a Curriculum Management Plan (CMP) focused on Community Engagement and Outreach, which was reviewed, unanimously approved, and implemented statewide by the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council. That experience deepened my understanding of how thoughtfully designed curriculum can impact both learners and organizations on a large scale.

I hold both an Associate and Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and am currently completing a Master of Arts in Teaching with Columbia College. I expect to graduate by December 2026, with plans to transition into teaching full-time here in Tooele.

I've developed a new CMP titled Modern Manners & Mental Fortitude: Life Prep for High Schoolers. This semester-long elective is designed for students in grades 9–12 and focuses on leadership, respectful communication, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, and modern etiquette—skills that I believe are essential in today's world. The CMP aligns with Utah's College and Career Awareness Core Standards and incorporates widely respected social-emotional learning frameworks.

Attached, you'll find:

- The full CMP document
- A supplemental packet with a pacing calendar, student journal template, capstone rubric, and parent welcome letter

At this time, I'm not seeking employment or a position—I simply hope to begin a conversation and receive guidance and feedback. My goal would be to eventually teach this course in Tooele School District. I'm open to piloting the course, collaborating with the Teaching & Learning team, or receiving any guidance you may be willing to offer.

As a father of five children—three biological and two adopted—this effort is deeply personal to me. I've seen how much today's youth can benefit from structured opportunities to develop confidence, resilience, and character. I would be honored to contribute to that growth here in the district I call home.

Thank you for your time and for all you do for our students and families. I'm happy to meet with you in person or over the phone at your convenience.

Warm regards,

Mike Terry