



Maricopa County Attorney

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VIA EMAIL

Michael Bengert
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RE: Alleged Open Meeting Law violations by the Scottsdale Unified School District ("SUSD")

Dear Mr. Bengert,

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office ("MCAO") has concluded its investigation into your complaint concerning the SUSD's potential violation of Arizona's Open Meeting Law. The investigation included a thorough review of the recordings of the SUSD Governing Board meetings, and their accompanying meeting agendas, as well as the supplemental information you provided in your initial complaint.

MCAO concluded that an Open Meeting Law violation has occurred. As far as available remedies, the work of the Phase II Team concluded in July of this year. Therefore, it is too late to require SUSD to take corrective action concerning future Phase II Team meetings. MCAO has informed SUSD of its findings and conclusions, recommended that SUSD revise its future use of superintendent appointed committees, and requested that the SUSD Governing Board acknowledge the results of this investigation publicly at the open meeting to discuss the Phase II Team's recommendations.

This matter is now considered closed. MCAO appreciates your interest in open government and thanks you for taking the time to voice your concerns.

Sincerely,

RACHEL H. MITCHELL
MARICOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY

/s/Caitlyn Mitchell
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