



January 23, 2018

AISU Community,

Last night, Channel 2 KUTV News ran a story about American International School of Utah. Unfortunately, the headlines were inflammatory and much of the information was inaccurate and out of context. We are disappointed with Channel 2's "exposé" style. As a school, we value an open, free, and informative press and we welcome any chance to tell our story. Like all schools, our efforts are a tapestry of human stories of families, students, and teachers all striving to prepare our next generation for an increasingly dynamic world.

AISU's Board of Directors meet monthly in an open and public meeting to govern its financial status and academic standards. We encourage all to attend our public meetings and see how our Board of Directors and our administrators, staff, and faculty are addressing the needs of our students. We especially invite all members of the media to attend those meetings to more accurately understand our challenges, opportunities, and successes of our school and students.

As to the substance of the claims made in the Channel 2 report, here is some important information:

1. AISU was put on warning status by the State Charter School Board (SCSB) in December 2018. It is not a penultimate step towards school closure. We work closely with the SCSB, staff and we appreciate all of the support they have offered and continue to give in ways of accountability and mentorship. We fully believe we will be able to work with them and meet all of the goals they have required as part of warning status.
2. AISU is not on the Utah State Board of Education's "Turn Around" status—which targets the lowest performing schools in the state.
3. AISU is not \$1.1 million in debt, and its current financial obligations are part of a larger financial long-term plan that the Board of Directors is governing closely.
4. The most recent financial audit showed no material issues with AISU's ongoing compliance and sound financial practices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tasi Young", with a stylized, cursive-like flourish.

Tasi Young  
Executive Director  
American International School of Utah