



OFFICIAL STATEMENT
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**RUSD Statement Regarding the Placer County Office of Education's
Denial of Petition to Terminate Provisionally Appointed Trustee**

Rocklin, CA-- On October 24, 2019, the Placer County Office of Education announced that a petition to terminate a provisionally appointed Rocklin Unified School District (RUSD) Trustee was deemed not legally sufficient. The petition failed to meet the minimum number of required signatures-- which is 1.5% of the registered voters at the last election of the Board-- needed to nullify the Board of Trustees' appointment. This number is less than 600 signatures.

As the provisional appointment now stands, it allows the current Board of Trustees to govern the school district with the full 5 members without interruption for the betterment of our students and families. Following her appointment on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019, Trustee Price has been diligently serving the RUSD community and proven to be a great asset amongst our Board.

According to Ryan Ronco, Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters, the estimated cost to Rocklin Unified to hold a special election would range from \$234,000-\$400,000 if this petition was approved. The funds to hold any required special election would come out of Rocklin Unified's unrestricted general fund, which is generally used for employee compensation, school site budgets and other costs to operate our school district. The threat of this unforeseen expense would have greatly affected the funds that are utilized for the student learning experience throughout the district.

For more information on the petition, please refer to the Placer County Office of Education or click [here](#) for their latest press release.

Background:

A vacancy on the Rocklin Unified School District's Board of Trustees was created in July 2019 when Trustee Susan Halldin resigned her position. Following an extremely thorough and transparent process on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019, the Rocklin Unified Board of Trustees provisionally appointed Rachele Price by a unanimous vote to fill the Board vacancy until the next regular election in November 2020. For more information, visit www.rocklinusd.org.

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