



Draper Notes

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What Happened to \$648,000?

Approximately three months ago, the School District of DeSoto received a check for \$648,000 from the district employee health insurance company as part of a profit sharing agreement. This check, at the superintendent's (Gary) direction, was immediately deposited to the general fund without any public communication to the school board.

Since district employees, as members of this health insurance program, are responsible for this \$648,000, they should receive a distribution of these profits. Typically, this type of revenue is shared with employees through a reduction in premiums, additional insurance coverage, wellness programs or any of a number of alternatives. This is certainly the fair action to take. There would be no profits if it were not for the employee participation in this health insurance program.

It is surprising that the school board members did not mention at any public meeting this general fund increase of \$648,000. Perhaps it went unnoticed by the school board. Of course the superintendent (Gary) had a responsibility to advise the school board of this windfall profit. This is not the superintendent's money to spend at her discretion. It belongs to the employees of this school district.

The superintendent and school board need to do the right thing; share this \$648,000 with the district employees. It is their money.