



Sequel Youth and Family Services Statement on Red Rock Canyon School

July 9, 2019

Sequel Youth and Family Services has decided to initiate a plan to take the Red Rock Canyon School student census to zero. We are passionate about providing excellent programs that make permanent, positive changes in the lives of the people we serve. Over the last few months, in working with the Utah Department of Human Services (DHS), we have recognized that we have not consistently delivered on our mission. As a result, we're taking this action proactively to do what's in the best interest of our students and staff, while we address the identified deficiencies and make the program consistent with our standards for the future.

Over the next two months, we will be working collaboratively with families, state agencies and case workers to transfer our students to appropriate alternative behavioral health programs. During that time, we will maintain all licensing regulations and staffing ratios, fulfill all customer contractual requirements, and complete the terms stated by Utah DHS in its amended Notice of Agency Action (NAA) dated May 9th. As of last month, we completed 15 of the 16 Corrective Action Plan items in the amended NAA, and we expect the final item to be completed later this month.

The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority, and we will work to minimize any interruptions to their continuity of care. Once our students have all been successfully transferred, we will voluntarily relinquish our Residential Treatment Center license to Utah DHS. Our license is not being revoked. We are taking this action proactively and voluntarily. We have consulted with Utah DHS about our plans and they have been supportive of our decision to take these proactive measures to strengthen the program for the future.

We employ approximately 120 full time staff members in a variety of positions at Red Rock Canyon School. Our leadership team will work with each staff member to provide various employee assistance initiatives, including internal and external job placement, resume review, stress management and resilience support.

Sequel is privileged with the trust of many partners, agencies, and families across the country to equip our students with the tools, motivations, life skills and education necessary to lead successful lives. We treat that responsibility with the utmost respect, and work relentlessly to identify opportunities to be a more effective provider and build the services and programs necessary to meet and exceed our clients' needs and customers' expectations.