



September 12, 2017

Lloyd Persson
Mid Central Educational Cooperative
612 South Main
Platte, South Dakota 57369

Dear Mr. Persson:

The Government Operations and Audit Committee has scheduled a meeting for October 5 and 6, 2017, Carnegie Town Hall, in Sioux Falls, to review various issues involving state government.

The Committee requests your attendance at the meeting and please let the Committee know if you intend to appear by September 28, 2017. Also the Committee requests that you provide written answers to the following questions from Committee members by September 28, 2017:

1. As a former Chair of the Mid Central Educational Cooperative Governing Board, please explain what the Board's role and responsibilities were for both the first and second GEAR UP grants.
2. What was your understanding of the responsibilities of those related organizations for the GEAR UP program; identified in the Mid Central Educational Cooperative Special Review Report issued by the Department of Legislative Audit?
3. Who appointed the GEAR UP Advisory Board?
4. Please explain your understanding of who authorized and approved GEAR UP expenditures and who you believed was responsible for oversight of the GEAR UP program.
5. Were the annual audit reports presented to the Mid Central Educational Cooperative Governing Board by either the director, business manager, or independent public accounting firm?

Please submit your answers to Tim Flannery, Department of Legislative Audit, 427 South Chapelle, Pierre, SD, 57501 by September 28, 2017 so that the information can be sent to all Committee members in advance of the actual meeting date. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on October 5, 2017 and reconvene on October 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Flannery with the Department of Legislative Audit at 773-3595.

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Sincerely,

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Senator Deb Peters, Chair
Government Operations and Audit Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jan Hunhoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Representative Hunhoff, Vice-Chair
Government Operations and Audit Committee