University of Northern Colorado Board of Trustees

TO: Board of Trustees

- FROM: Christine Kadlub, Chair Academic Affairs Committee
- RE: Public Meeting Regarding Lab School

DATE: June 21, 2000

June 22, 7:00 p.m. at the University Center the UNC Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee will host a public meeting regarding the Lab School. Committee members are: Patricia Salazar, Michael Muftic, Dick Poole, Christine Kadlub, and Janie Hinds. This memo highlights key points for consideration during the June 22nd public meeting.

KEY ISSUES

- The Lab School, as a charter school, does not have a five year contract with UNC. The charter awarded by Weld County School District Six to the UNC Board of Trustees has a maximum five year term. The charter may be relinquished by the Trustees with 90 days' notice to the school district. The charter is not assignable.
- The original purpose of the Lab School was to be a laboratory either for training student teachers or modeling innovative, effective methods for educating students. However, the UNC College of Education has not been closely associated with the Lab School for more than a decade for either purpose.
- Any UNC work being done at the Lab School is being done by individual UNC students or faculty, and the work is typically short term experiments. This work could be and is being done at other schools without UNC paying the cost of operating the Lab School.
- Only one percent of UNC teacher candidates do their student teaching at the Lab School.
- UNC is using northern Colorado (approximately 32 other schools) and all the state as its "lab" now.

- UNC also has the Urban Institute, headed by former Denver Superintendent of Schools Irv Moskowitz, for educating future teachers for the real-world urban environment.
- While ethnic diversity is approximately 25 percent, the Lab School makeup does not represent the community at large regarding ethnicity (higher in the community) or socio-economics (significantly higher than the community). Non-representative of the community, it is not as attractive a site for training or studies.
- The Lab School is a public school, which became a public charter school approximately one year ago. However, UNC is paying approximately \$1,000,000 per year in cash and in-kind to support the school.

POTENTIAL LAB SCHOOL USES

- Located at the Lab School, the preschool facility for UNC students' children is anticipated to continue, as will its use for early child care education studies (highlighted in your June 9 Board agenda).
- Immediately the building could be used to relocate and make more efficient some UNC functions, such as student services, and to augment university student parking.

KEY QUESTIONS

- Should university financial support of the Lab School be discontinued?
- If so, what will happen to the charter school?

If parents wish to continue the charter school, they are free to negotiate another charter with the School District. They must apply by October to do so.

Students also have the options of other public charter schools, private, and parochial schools.

• What will happen to the faculty?

A few of the senior lab school teachers have tenure in the Lab School. UNC will provide reasonable placement assistance to those who do not have tenure.

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