

From: Julia Oltmanns [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Book  
Date: August 15, 2020 at 11:49 AM  
To: Jeff Schuler jeff.schuler@cusd200.org



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Hi, Dr. Schuler. I know we only met briefly on the first Equity Task Force Zoom call, but I wanted to tell you a little more about my background. I'm very empathetic to the challenge you are facing with the new ISBE guidance because I worked as ISBE's First Deputy General Counsel. I also spent 6 years practicing education and employment law at the Franczek law firm. During that time, I even performed a little legal work for District 200.

If I can be of any help to the District as you analyze options for navigating the new guidance and considering whether in-person instruction is feasible, I would be happy to help. I remain optimistic that there may be options that exist which would provide a reasonable, legally defensible framework for complying with the guidance, but I understand that the vague and far-reaching language has placed you and the District in a very difficult position. I want to support our schools in whatever way I can and explore whether my experience could somehow be of service.

I'm hoping to sit down with Susan Booton as well. If you would like some other references, I believe Chris Silagi and Lisa Maher would tell you that I would be a valuable asset with strong character and reasonable, pragmatic problem solving skills, in addition to my legal expertise.

Thanks very much for your commitment to our students, staff and community.

Julie Oltmanns

On Wed, Aug 12, 2020, 6:53 AM Jeff Schuler <[jeff.schuler@cusd200.org](mailto:jeff.schuler@cusd200.org)> wrote:  
Julie,

Yes, I will have the book ready for you at the front desk.

Sincerely,

Jeff

On Tue, Aug 11, 2020 at 6:10 PM Julia Oltmanns [REDACTED] wrote:

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Hi, Dr. Schuler. Apologies for the delay in contacting you about the Suddenly Diverse book. I would be happy to pick it up at the District office. Would you like to leave it at the front desk tomorrow?

Thanks so much.

Julie Oltmanns

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