

School District Explores 'Independence' to Avoid Federal Mandate

A Utah school district is considering whether it can reject about \$40 million in federal funding as a means of snubbing President Obama's recent transgender school decree.

is reporting some members of the Alpine School District Board of Education believe the edict is "morally reprehensible" and "an invasion of the rights of a majority":

Board members Wendy Hart, Paula Hill and Brian Halladay wrote in a letter to state leaders last month stating that they would rather lose the \$40 million the district receives in federal funding than comply with Obama's transgender mandate.

The group discussed the idea with fellow board members at a meeting Tuesday. The idea was ultimately shelved with a promise to continue informal conversations about how to cut the 6.3 percent share of the district's budget that comes from the federal government for free and reduced lunches, technical programs and special assistance for low-income areas, according to the news site.

"I would like us to not feel like we are slaves to the federal dollars," Hart told board members. "I'm just looking for us to have a budget in the wings so we know what we're up against."