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County Board of Education files suit against former superintendent

SAN JOSE, CA – The Santa Clara County Board of Education filed a lawsuit today (Monday, Dec. 11) in Santa Clara County Superior Court against former County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Weis. The lawsuit arises out of the housing loan that was provided to Dr. Weis by the Board in 2008 as a component of his employment.

When Dr. Weis was hired, the Board provided him with a housing loan in the amount of \$915,000. Dr. Weis used some funds from that loan to purchase a condominium in downtown San Jose. Following his retirement, Dr. Weis expressed his desire to relinquish his ownership in the condominium and convey it to the Santa Clara County Office of Education without offering to make further payments on his loan. The property now is believed to be valued at considerably less than the original purchase price and the amount currently owed on the loan by Dr. Weis.

While the Board has attempted to reach a negotiated resolution with Dr. Weis that would protect the financial interests of the taxpayers and would have Dr. Weis making payment to the Board to make up for the loss of value in the condominium, no such resolution has been agreed upon to date. The Board instructed its attorneys to pursue alternative remedies to give Dr. Weis the opportunity to voluntarily honor his obligations under the loan, but such attempts have not been accepted.

The Board has now instructed its attorneys to pursue litigation against Dr. Weis to establish its title to the condominium, and as a first step towards recovering the value of the loan given to him.

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