Response to KSJD Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) Request to Montezuma County Clerk’s Office:

RE: Montezuma Cortez RE-1 School District Board Member Lance McDaniel Recall Petition Statement

July 14, 2020

Per your CORA request. General statement of grounds for recall: Lance McDaniel serves on the board of the RE-1 School District. During his time on the school board, he has shown a lack of leadership and has proven to be a poor role model for our children. Many of the school children in our community follow him on social media. He posts his personal opinions, likes, and dislikes. We need school board members that understand leadership and the power of mentoring, and know not to voice their personal, political, or social opinions that could influence children. Recently, he insulted the veterans of Montezuma County. When City Park was renamed “Veterans Park”, he stated “The Damn veterans won again!” but our community chose to rename City Park to Veterans Park after two of our local men gave their lives in service to our country. Later, during the mob protests and horrific destruction following the tragic death of George Floyd, Mr. McDaniel posted on his Facebook page, “I’m Antifa!” This is inappropriate behavior for a person with influence over our children. He also celebrates local vandalism by posting photos of the downtown chalking and painting. Our children deserve positive leadership. McDaniel’s comments, behavior, and lack of accountability cannot be tolerated.