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On Friday, December 16, 2022, Park City School District (“PCSD”) filed a request for an advisory opinion from the Office of Property Rights Ombudsman with the State of Utah. The issue between PCSD and Summit County is about proper land use authorization and oversight between two governmental entities and seeks definition of the scope of jurisdiction as well as reach of a county’s land use authority to regulate school construction projects as school districts are also subject to Utah State Board’s jurisdiction and regulation.

The advisory opinion will provide clarification and guidance as Park City School District moves forward with its current construction projects. The opinion may inform future board facilities development policy for school construction. We expect that this process will assist PCSD and its stakeholders in predicting realistic timelines for future project permitting and decrease misunderstandings and construction delays.

The advisory opinion is often a low cost measure that seeks an objective expert legal analysis. We believe the submission for advisory opinion will provide both PCSD and the County a better path forward.