

**From:** [Andrea Messina](#)  
**To:** [Beverly Slough](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Communication to EDs and State Officers  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 9:12:26 PM

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I did go back and find the email with the agenda and there was nothing referencing this on the agenda.

Chip very well may have informed us that he had spoken with the White House that morning. Regretfully, he said that every time I get on a call with him so I don't pay attention. Anna said the same thing. I never believed either one of them.

I do not recall his asking them for help at all and, like you, believe that even if I had missed it one of my colleagues would've picked up on it.

Will continue to look for my notes tomorrow.

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**From:** Beverly Slough <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 6:36 PM  
**To:** Andrea Messina  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Communication to EDs and State Officers

As expected. I just cannot believe this part at all. Inconceivable that none of you would have referenced such a communication in all the back and forth.

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**From:** Andrea Messina <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 6:35:03 PM  
**To:** Beverly Slough <[REDACTED]>  
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I can't access my notes right now. I will check tonight.

I take copious notes during these meetings.

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**From:** Beverly Slough <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 6:18 PM  
**To:** Andrea Messina <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft Communication to EDs and State Officers

Did the items Pam has in red happen? If they did, execs should have known the letter was going.  
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**From:** Pam Doyle <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** viola garcia  
**Cc:** Frank; Kristi Swett; Charlie - OH Wilson; Janine Bay Teske; Chapman Steven; Becky Fles; Kathy Gebhardt; Kathryn Green; John W. Halkias; Peter Hoepfner; Ronald "Ronnie" K. Hopkins; Donald R. Hubler; Marnie J. Maraldo; Devin Sheehan; Floyd Simon; Beverly Slough; Lydia - CT Tedone; Steve III Gallon; Devin Del Palacio; Ruben Archuleta; Michael Jr. Swain; Kirk Schneidawind; Joy Surratt Baskin; Chip Slaven  
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Viola,

I appreciate the rather lengthy recap of past months, but think the current business at hand that you outlined in the last email to the board should be the beginning of the email, otherwise, the current plans will be lost in this letter.

We have members looking at dropping out of NSBA because of the letter to the President. I feel that should first be addressed with truth and specific answers to their questions in the next communication piece that goes out.

The recap of the months past is good, but they want to know what we are doing right now and that does not need to be buried in the pages of explanations prior to a few paragraphs addressing their questions.

On that note, I was especially interested in a few paragraphs on PAGE 7:

***In the September 14, 2021 meeting of the OSAED liaison group, they were informed there had been a meeting with White House staff that morning and that NSBA was preparing to send a letter to the President, Subsequently, on September 17, 2021, the interim Executive Director emailed notice to the state association executive directors that indicated a letter requesting federal assistance would be sent.***

***“NSBA is taking a number of actions regarding calling for protection and resources to assist school board members with these threats including a call for the President and federal government for more assistance.”***

***That notice later stated:***

***“Further, NSBA has drafted its own individual letter that has been in the planning for several days that will also go out next week. This is a very detailed letter calling attention to the problem and laying out some very specific requests for action. That letter will be shared out with all of you next week when it is sent out so you can share it with your members and also your Congressional Delegations. “***

The members questioned why they were not consulted on the contents of the letter as well as the board's involvement, or lack thereof.

If I read the above paragraphs correctly, the origin of the letter began September 14th with a meeting with the White House staff, but fails to specify who met with the White House staff.

It goes further to say "NSBA" was preparing a letter to send to the President, failing once again to state the person that was preparing the letter, only an entity - NSBA.

The members asked specifically who wrote the letter, by what authority the letter was written, and who or how many states asked for federal intervention.

This letter fails to adequately answer the specific questions about the lack of input from the members and Board in the letter to the President.

The next question was the board's approved timeline and commitment in accomplishing the goals set forth in all the meetings dating back to GRC.

Given the professionalism of all the state execs, and their busy schedules, I would make sure the current issues are addressed at the beginning of your letter in a precise and straightforward way.

Thank you,

Pam

On Mon, Oct 11, 2021 at 4:16 PM viola garcia [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hello Directors,

This email includes an attached communication draft that has been expected by our members on collaborative progress made to date on various NSBA initiatives they requested and/or that we initiated. Please review the memo and provide feedback as soon as possible so that we can send it to the EDs and state officers tomorrow before the end of the work day.

Regards,  
Viola