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Delivered electronically to mromero@toppenish.wednet.edu; msaldivar@toppenish.wednet.edu; and jcerna@toppenish.wednet.edu

Subject: Complaint regarding Toppenish School District Officials, PDC Case 100637

Dear Toppenish School District Officials (Mike Romero and Monica Saldivar):

After a careful review of the alleged violations and relevant facts, the PDC has dismissed the complaint against Toppenish School District Officials (Mike Romero and Monica Saldivar) in accordance with WAC 390-37-070 and RCW 42.17A.755(1). Enclosed is a copy of the dismissal letter sent to Neeland Pendlebury concerning the complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(f), Toppenish School District Employees Mike Romero and Monica Saldivar each completed a separate Statement of Understanding (SOU) and paid civil penalties of \$300 and \$150, respectively, in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), acknowledging the following violations:

Mike Romero: Using the phone system of Toppenish School District to attempt to persuade employees of the Toppenish High School print shop to issue a revised invoice lowering the price for 100 campaign yard signs ordered by School District employee Eligio Jimenez and printed by employees of the high school print shop, for the benefit of the 2021 Rosa Ortiz campaign (RCW 42.17A.555). The \$300 civil penalty resolves Mr. Romero's involvement in PDC Case no. 100637.

Monica Saldivar: Authorizing and directing Toppenish School District employee Cecilia Rios to issue a revised invoice, lowering the price for 100 campaign signs ordered by School District Employee Eligio Jimenez, for the benefit of the 2021 Rosa Ortiz campaign (RCW 42.17A.555). The \$150 civil penalty resolves Ms. Saldivar's involvement in PDC Case no. 100637.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,
Electronically Signed Philip E. Stutzman
Phil Stutzman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,
Electronically Signed Peter Frey Lavallee
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Executive Director