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To: "PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

External Email

Hello Tanya,

Upon receiving the complaint, we conducted a thorough review of the events and actions referenced. Below, we address the specific allegations and provide our findings:

1. Purpose of the Communications:

- The Wenatchee Record, a privately-funded periodical, contained information that was misleading and potentially damaging to the public perception of the district. Our response aimed solely to correct inaccuracies and provide factual information about district operations, policies, and performance.

2. Adherence to Legal Guidelines:

- At no point did the district use public resources to support or oppose any school board candidates. Our communications were intended to address misinformation and were not aimed at influencing the outcome of the election. The communications in question did not reference any board member, or the public election.

3. Documentation and Evidence:

- All relevant communications have been documented and are available for review. These documents clearly demonstrate that the district's intent was to provide accurate information and not to engage in political campaigning.

4. Specific Allegations and Responses:

- **Emails to District Employees and Parents:** The emails sent to district employees and parents were intended to inform our stakeholders of the inaccuracies in The Record and provide factual information. These communications did not endorse or oppose any candidates.
- **Social Media and Website Posts:** Posts on the district's website, Facebook page, and Twitter account were made to ensure accurate information was accessible to the public. Comments on the Facebook post were locked to prevent the spread of further misinformation and maintain a focused discourse.
- **Op-Ed in Wenatchee World:** The Op-Ed was published to clarify the district's position and correct the inaccuracies reported by The Record. It did not endorse or oppose any candidates.
- **Communication with Student Leader:** The communication with the student leader was intended to encourage civic engagement and correct misinformation.

5. Commitment to Neutrality:

- The district remains committed to neutrality regarding elections in compliance with the law. Our focus is on ensuring that the public receives accurate information about district operations.

6. Compliance with RCW 42.17A.555 and RCW 28A.320.090:

- We are confident that our actions complied with RCW 42.17A.555 and RCW 28A.320.090. Our communications were aimed at correcting misinformation, not influencing the election.

We appreciate the opportunity to address this complaint and are prepared to provide any additional information or documentation the PDC may require. Our commitment to transparency and integrity in our communications with the public remains steadfast.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kory Kalahar

