Respondent Name

Dave Bussard

Complainant Name

Joseph Michael Riley

Complaint Description

Joe Riley reported via the portal

(Sun, 20 Oct 2024 at 10:54 PM)

On October 15, 2024, the Kent School District held a Levy Listening Session for the community to ask questions about the upcoming levy on the November ballot. This was the third listening session held after the levy was approved by the board.

Near the end of this meeting, Dave Bussard, Executive Director of Operations, made an inflammatory comment about how voting no on the levy could create a situation where students lose heat in their school, start to have a leaky roof, or that one middle school in particular will never be able to use their field. He directly pointed to and referenced three students in attendance while making this statement.

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

The statement is inflammatory in nature and speculates about possible secondary impact of failing a ballot proposition.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

Video link to start of monologue: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7WIVTPn3og&t=4076s (timestamp 01:07:56)

Quote from timestamp 1:10:09

"...every time you vote no on a capital measure, you see those three students sitting right there, they might lose heat this winter in their school, the roof might leak, I guarantee you Mill Creek's not playing on their field this year..."

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

N/A

Certification (Complainant)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.