

Respondent Names
Richland SDt 400
Complainant Name
Audra Byrd
Complaint Description
<p><u>Audra Byrd</u> reported via the portal <i>(Wed, 7 Jan 2026 at 6:55 PM)</i> On January 6, 2026 the Richland School District Athletic Directors from Hanford High School and Richland High School (Adrian Ochoa) used district resources to advocate to "vote for the levy" at a district sporting event. In addition, they used students in their promotion of voting for the levy. The public was not given notice of a discussion on the levy and no chance was given for people opposed to the levy to talk. I am concerned that this is not legal. This activity was then recorded and distributed out on social media by Terah Ochoa (who is also an RSD employee) in an effort to persuade more voters</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>Campaigning for a levy asking for tax payer funds (or any political position) should not be done on public school grounds, and should not include minor students (especially without parental approval), and should not be done to a captive audience (those who came to watch a sporting event). Those with opposing views were not invited to offer countering viewpoints and it is manipulative to use vulnerable students to be the face of their campaign in order to evoke emotion from the crowd. This was done in an effort to biasedly persuade community members to only hear one view point and to then vote the way these individuals wanted. This is not ethical, legal, or appropriate use of my tax paying dollars.</p>
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
<p>https://www.facebook.com/reel/1383848466554757/ If the video can't be accessed, I have a copy of the video as well, that I can email or text.</p>
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
<p>Anyone that attended that basketball game or saw the video circulating on Facebook.</p>
Certification (Complainant)
<p>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.</p>