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**RE:** WIAA Response to Bellevue School District Violation Report dated May 11, 2016

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On March 22, 2016, Carl Blackstone and Robert Westinghouse submitted an Investigative report to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (“WIAA”) relating to the Bellevue High School (“BHS”) football program. The WIAA Investigative Report (“Investigative Report”) contained findings that BHS and the Bellevue School District (“BSD”) had violated a number of WIAA rules. WIAA provided the Investigative Report to BSD on April 1, 2016. On May 11, 2016, BSD/BHS presented a WIAA Violation Report (“Violation Report” or “District’s Report”) to the KingCo League during a self-report hearing. On May 13, 2016, George Crowder, KingCo League President, requested that WIAA and its investigators evaluate the information contained in the BSD/BHS Violation Report.

The Violation Report identifies 10 allegations in the Investigative Report. The Violation Report provides substantive responses to only six of the allegations. BSD reports that it is continuing to investigate the remaining four violations and represented that it would respond by May 16, 2016. To our knowledge, BSD did not respond by that date.

In this memorandum the WIAA investigators will respond to the six allegations addressed in the Violation Report. The investigators will submit a supplemental response after BSD provides a substantive response to the four remaining allegations.

d. [REDACTED]

BSD agrees that [REDACTED] who transferred to BHS from Lakes High School, falsely represented that he was living with his uncle in the Bellevue High School attendance area. Had this fact been known, Mr. [REDACTED] would have been ineligible to participate in Bellevue High School athletics. BSD again did nothing to investigate, notwithstanding Lauren McDaniel's admission to the Lakes Athletic Director at the time of Mr. [REDACTED] transfer to BHS that she was concerned that Mr. [REDACTED] was planning to live on his own in Bellevue. (Investigative Report at 33). We attempted to interview Ms. McDaniel but she refused to talk with us without representation. At the very least the KingCo Committee should inquire as to what steps, if any, BSD and BHS took to investigate Mr. [REDACTED] living situation at the time he enrolled at BHS.

e. **Budda Baker**

BSD agrees that one of the addresses listed for Budda Baker was false. BSD concludes, however, that there "are no violations" associated with Mr. Baker. This conclusion appears unwarranted based on the facts developed by BSD. Although Mr. Baker told BSD that he had "never heard of the address associated with his name," the BSD employee who inputted the address claimed that all address changes were instigated by information provided by students. Although the BSD employee had no recollection of Mr. Baker's situation, it is safe to assume that Mr. Baker would have been the one who provided the address to BSD. Given this, it would be appropriate to conclude that Mr. Baker provided a false address to BSD.

f. [REDACTED]

The WIAA Investigative Report raised concerns that [REDACTED] had provided a false address. This same concern was raised in an anonymous complaint sent to Superintendent Mills on December 23, 2012. (Exhibit 32). It does not appear that BSD investigated this complaint. Although the Investigative Report did not reach any conclusion as to whether Mr. [REDACTED] had used a false address, it recommended that BSD conduct further investigation because the [REDACTED] had refused to talk to the WIAA investigators, and BSD claimed to have destroyed all documents relating to [REDACTED]'s residency. BSD has now undertaken an investigation and reports that "there is no issue with [Mr. [REDACTED] living situation nor any reason to call into question his eligibility while he was enrolled at Bellevue High School." This conclusion is dubious in light of the following facts.

[REDACTED] enrolled in BHS on August 31, 2010. At that time his parents owned a home in Kirkland, which is outside the BHS attendance area. BSD claims to have learned from the [REDACTED] that they did not actually live in this home but were in fact living with a