

June 8, 2016

To: KingCo Conference Self-Report Committee
c/o George Crowder, KingCo President

From: Lauren McDaniel, Athletic Director, Bellevue High School
Jeff Lowell, District Athletic Director, Bellevue School District

Re: Formal request for clarification and supporting documentation from the KingCo Conference Self-Report Committee's findings regarding the Bellevue High School Football program

After reviewing the two documents that the KingCo Conference Self-Report Committee ("KCSC") provided to Bellevue High School ("BHS") and the Bellevue School District ("BSD") on June 7, 2016, BHS/BSD formally request the following:

1. A response to the specific questions and requests for documentation arising from both documents as outlined below;
2. Information regarding any and all conversations, emails, requests for documents or other correspondence from any WIAA Official to any member of the KCSC regarding these proceedings or decision; and
3. Clarification of the "unique circumstances" of this case and why current KingCo policy and procedures were not applied; and,
4. That all requested information be provided to BHS/BSD no later than the end of the business day on Thursday, June 10, 2016, to afford BHS/BSD sufficient time to review the information prior to the appeal deadline of Monday June 13, 2016.

Questions and requests for documentation:

1. In the introductory document of its findings, the KCSC states that "unique circumstances...required the committee to evaluate information from multiple sources."
 - a. Please list and provide copies of all "sources" the KCSC referenced and/or consulted in reaching its findings.
 - b. Please list and provide copies of any and all additional documentation, emails, media coverage or reports the KCSC considered in reaching its findings.
2. Questions specific to the *Summary of WIAA Rules Violations from Allegation #2: "Whether boosters paid for tuition of athletes at the Academic Institute"*
 - a. It is stated that the "committee finds that by a preponderance of evidence a violation is confirmed."
 - i. Please provide the specific facts and evidence (including copies of any and all supporting documentation) that the KCSC relied upon in confirming that a violation occurred.
 - ii. Please specify any and all WIAA Rules that the KCSC applied in finding a violation of Allegation #2.
 - b. The BHS/BSD self-report to the KCSC reported that a single violation of tuition payment occurred.
 - i. Does KCSC agree with the BHS/BSD report that a single violation occurred?
 - ii. If the KCSC does not agree with BHS/BSD that a single violation occurred, please:
 1. Provide what additional violation(s) the KCSC found relative to Allegation #2.
 - c. What athletic sanction(s) did the KCSC apply due to the finding of a violation of Allegation #2?

3. Questions specific to the *Summary of WIAA Rules Violations from Allegation #3: "Whether athletes used false addresses to gain eligibility"*
 - a. It is stated that "Bellevue High School has submitted that a violation is confirmed."
 - i. Please provide copies of the specific facts and evidence the KCSC believe indicated that a violation occurred.
 - b. Please specify any and all WIAA rules that KCSC applied in finding a violation of Allegation #3.
 - c. What athletic sanction(s) did the KCSC apply specific to the finding of a violation of Allegation #3?

4. Questions specific to the *Summary of WIAA Rules Violations from Allegation #5: Whether coaches coordinated tuition payments for athletes"*
 - a. It is stated that the "committee finds that by a preponderance of evidence a violation is confirmed."
 - i. Please provide the specific facts and evidence (including copies of any and all supporting documentation) the KCSC relied upon in confirming that a violation occurred.
 - b. Please specify any and all WIAA Rules the KCSC applied in finding a violation of Allegation #5.
 - c. What athletic sanction(s) did the KCSC apply specific to the finding of a violation of Allegation #5?

5. Questions specific to the *Summary of WIAA Rules Violations from Allegation #7: "Financial payments were made to coaches without approval from the BSD Board of Directors"*
 - a. It is stated that "Bellevue High School has submitted that a violation is confirmed."
 - i. Is this statement an agreement with the BHS/BSD self-report and the facts BHS/BSD submitted to the KCSC specific to Allegation #7?
 1. If the statement is not an agreement with the BHS/BSD self-report and the facts submitted to the KCSC, please provide:
 - a. The specific facts and evidence (including copies of any and all supporting documentation) the KCSC relied upon in confirming that a violation occurred.
 - b. Please specify any and all WIAA Rules the KCSC applied in finding a violation of Allegation #7.
 - b. BHS/BSD submitted to the KCSC that an internal remedy would resolve any further violations.
 - i. What athletic sanction(s) did the KCSC propose due to the finding of a violation of Allegation #7?

6. Questions specific to the *Summary of WIAA Rules Violations from Allegation #8: "Financial payments to support football camp are excessive and in violation of WIAA Rule 27.1.0"*
 - a. It is stated that "Bellevue High School has submitted that a violation is confirmed."
 - i. Is this statement an agreement with the BHS/BSD self-report and the facts BHS/BSD submitted to the KCSC specific to Allegation #8?
 1. If so, please confirm that KCSC agrees with the determination made by BHS/BSD that the financial support for football camp is not a violation of WIAA Rule 27.1.0.
 2. If the statement is not an agreement with the BHS/BSD self-report and the facts submitted to the KCSC, please provide:
 - a. The specific facts and evidence (including copies of any and all supporting documentation) the KCSC relied upon in reaching its determination that a violation occurred.
 - b. Please specify any and all WIAA Rules the KCSC applied in finding a violation of Allegation #8.

- b. BHS/BSD submitted to the KCSC that an internal remedy would resolve any further violations.
 - i. What athletic sanction(s) did the KCSC propose due to the finding of a violation in Allegation #8?
7. Questions specific to the *Summary of WIAA Rules Violations from Allegation #9: "There was a failure to self-report money provided to a player's family by coaches"*
- a. It is stated that the "committee finds that by a *preponderance of evidence* a violation is confirmed."
 - i. Please provide the specific facts and evidence (including copies of any and all supporting documentation) the KCSC relied upon in confirming that a violation occurred.
 - b. Please specify any and all WIAA Rules the KCSC applied in finding a violation of Allegation #9.
 - c. What athletic sanction(s) did the KCSC apply specific to the finding of a violation of Allegation #9?
8. Questions specific to the *Summary of WIAA Rules Violations from Allegation #10: "Athletes have been illegally recruited"*
- a. It is stated that the "committee finds that by a *preponderance of evidence* a violation is confirmed."
 - i. Who are the "athletes" that the KCSC determined were recruited?
 - ii. Please provide the specific facts and evidence (including any and all supporting documentation) the KCSC relied upon in confirming that a violation occurred.
 - b. Please specify any and all WIAA Rules the KCSC applied in finding a violation of Allegation #10.
 - c. What athletic sanction(s) did the KCSC apply specific to the finding of a violation of Allegation #10?
9. Contests/Games
- a. For Sanction 1, bullets 1-4, if not already included in the answers to the previous questions, please:
 - i. Describe or outline how the sanction was determined, and any sources referenced or considered in determining this sanction.
 - ii. Specify the violations for which this sanction is being applied.
 - b. Please clarify whether under the sanction listed in bullet 5, the BHS C-Team, which does not field a sophomore team, will be allowed a full schedule of 10 games.
10. Booster Club
- a. Please define "any outside public or private entity."
 - b. Please provide the legal authority and information the KCSC relied upon in support of a sanction that restricts a school or school district's acceptance of donations from "any outside public or private entity."
 - c. If not included in the answers to the previous questions, please specify the violations for which this sanction is being applied.
11. Transfer Students:
- a. Please provide clarification regarding how Sanction #4 as it is written does not conflict with KingCo General Policy #2. Player eligibility as detailed under WIAA Rule 18 is a function of WIAA and member school district standards.
 - b. Please provide clarification regarding how Sanction #4 as it is written does not conflict with the established WIAA eligibility process.
 - i. If the KCSC believes it does not, what information was utilized to make this determination?
 - c. Please provide the specific provision, regulation, and other information that KCSC relied upon in determining that Sanction #4 is permissible under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

- d. As written, the sanction states that the paper "eligibility packet" will be submitted to KingCo.
 - i. Who is KingCo as it is written by the KCSC?
 - 1. Does this mean the President of the Athletic Directors, who is the Bellevue High School Athletic Director in 2016-2017?
 - 2. Does it mean the President-Elect, who in 2016-2017 is a former Bellevue High School Athletic Director?
 - 3. Is KingCo another individual?
 - ii. What process will this individual utilize to approve eligibility as stated in the sanction?
- e. If not included in the answers to the previous questions, please specify the violations for which this sanction is being applied.

12. Probation/League Shares:

- a. For Sanction 5 bullet 1, if not included in the answers to the previous questions, please describe or outline how this sanction was determined, and any sources referenced or considered in determining this sanction.
- b. For Sanction 5 bullet 2, if not included in the answers to the previous questions, please describe or outline how this sanction was determined, and any sources referenced or considered in determining this sanction.
- c. If not included in the answers to the previous questions, please include to which violation Sanction 5 bullet 1 and Sanction 5 bullet 2 is being applied.

13. Titles:

- a. The KCSC states that by a preponderance of evidence that athletes were illegally recruited.
 - i. Please provide the names of the athletes that the KCSC believes were illegally recruited.
 - ii. As the KCSC believes that illegally recruited athletes are ineligible, please provide the years that each of these athletes participated illegally.
- b. Please provide the specific facts and evidence that led the KCSC to make this determination.
- c. Please provide any and all WIAA Rules that guided the KCSC to make this determination.
- d. Please explain why the KCSC believes an investigation is necessary if the KCSC has made a determination that athletes were illegally recruited and participated illegally.
- e. If not included in the answers to the previous questions, please include to which violation the sanction is being applied.