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**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT  
RE: BELLEVUE HIGH SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

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10. The District and BHS administrators should structure a formal arrangement to ensure oversight of the Booster Club's relationship with the BHS football program, including the monitoring of all payments to coaches and financial support to the team. In cases where there is reason to scrutinize or question Booster Club activities or financial support after the fact, such involvement and oversight would greatly enhance the District's and BHS' ability to insist on Booster Club cooperation. If such cooperation is not forthcoming, the District and BHS administrators should sever the relationship with the organization. During this investigation, we suggested to District representatives that the District take action to sever all ties with the Booster Club if it would not cooperate in this investigation. To our knowledge no such action was taken or even proposed.
11. We recommend that WIAA adopt a new rule requiring member schools to exercise appropriate oversight and control of booster clubs. Such a rule should also expressly make the actions of booster clubs the direct responsibility of the schools with which they are associated.

### III. THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS

#### A. The Scope of the Investigation

The investigation began on September 16, 2015. WIAA instructed us to undertake a fair, independent, and thorough investigation of the BHS football program. WIAA placed no limits or constraints on the scope of the investigation. Our directive was to follow the facts wherever they might lead and to look "under rocks, under rocks, under rocks." We believed that our mission was to fully examine all allegations of WIAA rules violations by the BHS football program and we anticipated that we would receive complete cooperation from the District.

Shortly after we began our investigation, we learned that the District had a much more limited view of the scope of the investigation. On September 22, 2015, seven days after our investigation began, we received an e-mail from John Harrison, District Executive Director of Schools, stating:

[T]he scope of your investigation seems to significantly exceed the scope of what we asked the WIAA to investigate. I am seeking clarification from the WIAA on what your charge was. Until I receive that clarification from the WIAA, no Bellevue School District employees will be available for interview and no documentation will be provided. It is my sincere desire that the scope of the investigation can be clarified and the investigation can resume as soon as possible.

(Exhibit 2).