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 YARMUTH WILSDON PLLC

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

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that Mr. Harrison ever investigated these allegations and there is no written documentation supporting any such investigation. Dr. Mills further told us that he asked Mr. Harrison to work with the high school athletic directors to verify addresses. Lance Gatter, the athletic director at BHS from 2009 through the summer 2013 told us that he had players transferring into BHS and/or their families sign a “residency guarantee.” He did not mention any independent attempt to verify addresses. Likewise, Lauren McDaniel, the current BHS athletic director, did not tell us she did anything to independently verify the addresses of BHS football players.

The District’s lack of oversight is further demonstrated by the fact that the coaches were not directed to investigate the legitimacy of players residence.<sup>39</sup> Coach Goncharoff told us that he did not deal with issues of residency and made no effort to determine where players lived. He relied upon the school administrators to tell him who was eligible to play. He stated that on only one occasion – when the four Tacoma based players, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], came to obtain football gear – did he raise any question with the high school’s administrators. On that occasion, he asked Scott Powers, the BHS principal, about the transfers and was told they all lived in BHS’s attendance area. He asked no further questions.

Then, in the fall of 2013 Glen Hasslinger was told by a Deputy Superintendent to stop visiting student residences to verify residency because it was a “waste of time.” To further compound the lack of oversight, the District at some point made the decision to destroy all residency records at the time a player either graduates or withdraws from BHS. Finally, the District’s refusal to provide us with players’ addresses for almost four months after the District asked us to investigate whether players were using false addresses, speaks volumes about the District’s recognition that it had been far from vigilant in determining that players were legitimately transferring to BHS and living in the BHS attendance area.

### **3. Second Issue: Whether Players Received Subsidized Housing to Gain Eligibility**

The short answer to this question is that our investigation uncovered comparatively little solid evidence that has not already been known that players received subsidized housing to gain eligibility. As explained above, in June 2015, the District self-reported to KingCo that a player’s family had received \$300 from Coach Goncharoff to assist with “food/rent” and the same family had received a \$3,000 “loan” arranged by Dan Cerillo, a BHS assistant coach, to keep the family “in their current housing.” (Exhibit 35). As discussed earlier, some sanctions were imposed as a result of the partial self report of this conduct.

The District failed, however, to disclose to KingCo all of the information relating to these payments. Jeff Lowell had met with the player’s father who told Mr. Lowell that he had in fact received \$1,200 from Coach Goncharoff and that the \$3,000 loan was in fact a gift.<sup>40</sup> (Exhibit

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<sup>39</sup> Although Mr. Harrison told us that he expected coaches to determine that a player was actually living at the address he provided, Coach Goncharoff and Coach Jones denied that they took any steps to verify a player’s address.

<sup>40</sup> We interviewed the player’s father and he told us that he had met with Coach Goncharoff on two separate occasions at a Starbucks near BHS and that on each occasion Coach Goncharoff provided him with an envelope