
 YARMUTH WILSDON PLLC

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

**Carl
Blackstone**

**Robert
Westinghouse**

The former player attended the Academic Institute for two academic years and ultimately graduated from the Academic Institute. It is clear that both Coach Goncharoff and the Booster Club were involved in the player's decision to attend and remain at the Academic Institute. In an e-mail dated August 20, 2013, Jennifer Vice advises the father of the classes his son will need to take in order to graduate from the Academic Institute. She advises the father that if his son is to complete these classes "the booster club has to agree to pay for another semester before we decide to go that route." (Exhibit 104). Ms. Vice also advises the father that if he disagrees with the proposed schedule, they need to meet with "Coach Butch" and that if he wants a meeting he should call "Coach Butch" and determine when he can meet. (Exhibit 104).

b. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] began attending BHS in the fall of 2009. He, too, was an outstanding football player. [REDACTED] attended the Academic Institute. Because we have been unable to locate [REDACTED] and because the Academic Institute has refused to provide us with the names of any BHS football players who attended the Academic Institute, we have been unable to determine the precise dates [REDACTED] attended the Academic Institute. The Academic Institute did, however, post its 2012 yearbook on line and it indicated that [REDACTED] was a full time student during the 2011-2012 year. Also, a *Seattle Times* article dated August 22, 2015, indicates that [REDACTED] started attending the Academic Institute during the summer before his junior year which would have been the summer of 2011. (Exhibit 1). Although Coach Goncharoff has denied encouraging [REDACTED] to attend the Academic Institute we believe that this denial is not credible. In the same *Seattle Times* article [REDACTED] stated that during the summer before his junior year, Coach Goncharoff directed him to attend the Academic Institute. (Exhibit 1). [REDACTED] stated that his family could not afford the tuition and he "doesn't know who footed the bill." Also, in a subsequent *Seattle Times* article dated August 28, 2015, the *Times* reported that [REDACTED] had "reaffirmed [that] Goncharoff directed him to attend the Academic Institute instead of studying at Bellevue." (Exhibit 50). [REDACTED]'s statement to the *Seattle Times* is corroborated by the Academic Institute's website which contains a live interview of [REDACTED] during which he is asked "What brought you to AI?" [REDACTED] responds "Well actually, ah, my coach got me into AI."⁵³ (Exhibits 105 and 106).

c. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] began attending BHS in the fall of 2012. He was an outstanding football player who attended the Academic Institute. [REDACTED] was struggling academically during his first year at BHS. [REDACTED]' father, [REDACTED] talked to Coach Goncharoff about his son's poor academic performance. During that conversation he asked Coach Goncharoff whether his son should attend the Academic Institute. Coach Goncharoff responded that he did

⁵³ The Academic Institute removed this interview from its website sometime after we interviewed Jennifer Vice on October 22, 2015.