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 YARMUTH WILSDON PLLC

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

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**Carl  
Blackstone**

**Robert  
Westinghouse**

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redacted by the Academic Institute] to review his grade? Let me know if you or Jeff are interested. Otherwise, I will just email you his grades.

(Exhibit 96).

Joe Razore responds that “Jeff is interested in attending this review. I try and stay in the background but love to see the progress. Thanks!” (Exhibit 96).<sup>64</sup>

This exchange is significant because the Academic Institute has taken the position with us that due to privacy concerns it cannot share any student information with us. Joe Razore is not a District or BHS employee and thus has no obvious basis for receiving confidential student information. The fact that Ms. Vice is prepared to provide him with student grades strongly suggests that Joe Razore had some particular interest in the particular student’s progress. It is not too great a leap to reason that either Joe Razore and/or the Booster Club was providing financial support for this student.

**5. Fifth Issue: Whether BHS Football Coaches are Coordinating Tuition Payments for Athletes**

We believe that there is evidence that then Assistant Coach Jeff Razore assisted in paying the Academic Institute tuition for [REDACTED]. Mr. Razore has refused to talk with us and, as noted above, we have been denied access to financial records from the Academic Institute and the Booster Club.

**6. Other Issues Related to the Academic Institute**

**a. Whether the Academic Institute has been used by BHS to maintain the academic eligibility of football players**

Finally, whether the Academic Institute has been used by BHS to maintain the eligibility of student athletes is difficult to assess.<sup>65</sup> One player who attended the Academic Institute has told us that it was “a joke” and functioned as a “day care” for players. He said that one teacher at the Academic Institute provided him with answers to tests.

Until recently, the District refused to provide us with student transcripts showing grades for players attending the Academic Institute, as well as grades for the same players while

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<sup>64</sup> Ms. Vice claimed that she never provided any student information to Joe Razore and that the student’s parent had signed a waiver allowing her to disclose information to Jeff Razore. (Exhibit 118). [REDACTED] has identified his signature on the consent form, which is attached to Exhibit 118, and he has stated that he never consented to have his son’s grades shared with Jeff Razore and Ms. Vice never told him that she intended to do so. [REDACTED] was adamant that he did not believe the consent form authorized that disclosure of information.

<sup>65</sup> On October 21, 2015, Ms. Vice’s lawyer provided us with a lengthy summary prepared by Ms. Vice which defended the academic integrity of the Academic Institute. We have attached this summary as Exhibit 111.