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> From:  
> Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 11:03 AM  
> To: Lowell, Jeff (Jeffrey R)  
> Subject: Bellevue School Dist. Athletic Director:

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> To: Bellevue School Dist. Athletic Director: Jeff Lowell

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> From:  
> Re:

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> Mr. Lowell, my wife and I met with you a few weeks ago concerning an incident involving a Bellevue High School Football assistant coach trying to provoke our son into a physical altercation (fight). Both my wife and I were satisfied with knowing you'd do your own investigation. We were also pleased with how you engaged us and some of the policies or tactics you were employing in your job as the AD. Honestly we were only able to share with you a fraction of our concerns and our troubles with Bellevue High School Football. We have been silent long enough with regards to the many things wrong with the football team and those that run it, along with those who literally treat it as a business. I reached out to the head coach Butch right after the incident with Tracy verbally abusing and others, the same night he actually postured like he was going to fight our son. I'm sure you've gathered all those facts by now. However until now I still haven't received a call from Butch regarding the incident. I did see him at Starbucks. I asked him why he hadn't called me! He said "It's a process and I just got back from Calif." That was Jan. 5th I'll tell what has transpired since that day though. Our son expressed to a couple of people his desire to not want to play for Bellevue High School Football anymore, stemming from Tracy's aggressions as well as other assistant coaches' abuses and other reasons. This got back to the coaches at Bellevue. One of those assistant coaches Jeff Rezzore, who's family treats and runs the team like they own it. (That's another story!) Jeff cornered my son in class at the Academic Institute for over one hour trying to convince him not to quit the Bellevue High School Football team. Making sure to let know that he won't have the same successes elsewhere, or the same opportunities at scholarships like he does playing for Bellevue, that's his opinion, but clearly trying to convince that it's true. He also made it clear that if didn't play for Bellevue he would no longer be able to attend AI, due to AI tuition being paid by a Bellevue booster! That booster is Jeff himself and he knows is well aware of that. Basically he tried every tactic including scaring our son! Jeff also resorted to insulting my son's best friend who also played for Bellevue football before his parents took him off the team for similar issues & their own reasons. We as parents are concerned! Where does it end? These coaches, many of the boosters continue to insult my son because he no longer wants to play for the team. The boosters, the coaches have created a culture within Bellevue High School Football that has people scared to speak up about the abuses, the favoritism, the fracturing of the team by those on the outside who wield heavy influence on the inside of Bellevue High School Football. These are things well known within the Bellevue community yet people will not speak out against it because maybe their son won't get playing time or get one of the sought after positions on the team etc. plus all the kids brought up from Tacoma by Jeff Rezzore, not only get the choice positions but they receive money, shoes, tickets, rent paid, apartments etc. this isn't a secret! Many people have known this for a long time. But as long as Bellevue wins people remain quiet. But in the end these actions have hurt far more kids than they've helped. If you speak out against Bellevue High School Football you will be blackballed, insulted and hated. At this point all we want is to cut ties with Bellevue High School Football and not have to worry about any back lash for our son. Honestly it's not the kind of program we want our son involved with. Where coaches fight kids, or insult the players after a loss or where some players' positions, or playing time is contingent upon how big of a booster their parents are! Where there is such a separation between those players that were brought in by coaches or boosters they deem as stars and how they're treated so much better than those viewed as just utility players! This is high school football, not the pros. However that's gotten lost or forgotten somewhere along the line to those in charge of the team. I was approached last week at a Bellevue basketball game, by a Bellevue High School Football booster that had the nerve to ask me and I quote "can't just suck it up for another year"! Due to all the talk about why he didn't want to play for Bellevue any longer. Our son has

received repeated calls by a guy named TC. Who is Butch's muscle, that's his reputation. This TC feels like its appropriate to call our 16 yr old kid without our permission asking him questions that should be addressed to his parents. I don't care if he's calling on behalf of Butch or anyone else. Totally making uncomfortable. In his last call he told that he better tell Butch if he's leaving or Butch could potentially mess with his scholarship offers. I'm told TC is not allowed on the high school property, yet he still interacts with Bellevue High School Football players. Same for Tracy Ford, supposedly he's been fired as a coach yet he still interacts with the majority of the team! On Saturday mornings he's up at the Bellevue football field. Butch and or the boosters still send the players to Tracy at his gym, because he and his business Ford Sports, is closely connected with a major BHS football booster! Sir, again all we want is too be able to cut ties with Bellevue High School Football, without being threatened, or talked about negatively and for these adults associated with the team to leave our son alone! We could have taken a different route like consulted an Attorney. But after meeting with you, we felt like you would give these issues the attention they deserve. We still feel that way, we were told by a source outside of Bellevue that we trust, that your a "straight shooter"! That made us even feel better. We would also like it documented why our son left the football team. If other kids can suck up the abuse ok, that's up to them and their parents. But our son has had enough. All of these things I've shared with you can be proved but it's not going to be easy getting the truth out of people who have so much to protect. Some of the boosters are very powerful people! With a lot of money to throw around. People will hide the truth out of fear etc. I'm just sharing with you things I know for a fact. I'm sorry this email is long but honestly these are things you will find out with time and by making others feel comfortable to approach you, like you did with us. Please get back to us as soon as you can. We've got to know that things are being addressed. I also would like to make it clear that by no means should the high school be associated with the wrongs of the football team & the boosters. However, I will say that until the district stands up to the boosters I fear that things will stay the same.

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> This email is meant only for Jeff Lowell Bellevue AD

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> Thank you

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2015 7:32 PM  
**To:** Lowell, Jeff (Jeffrey R)  
**Subject:** Re: Bellevue School Dist. Athletic Director:

Jeff, both [redacted] and I met with Shawn Flood. Just three days afterwards I get texts from Jennifer Vice accusing me of filling a complaint against her school AI and the Bellevue High School Football causing her school to be investigated. I asked where she got her info. She didn't reveal that. I was under the impression that any thing we discussed was confidential? I explained to her that our concerns weren't with her! That it was actually the school dist itself investigating Bellevue High School Football. I also told her that every since [redacted] quit playing football for Bellevue everyone involved with it from assist coaches, boosters down to his teammates have treated him different in a negative way. [redacted] thought even she was acting different however she assured me that wasn't true! So I said ok we'd like to believe her because we liked her but her involvement with Bellevue High School Football made [redacted] paranoid. I also informed her that I was asked about his tuition and who paid it. I told her I said the truth that it was paid by boosters. So I'm not sure what's going on but it's been impossible to just leave Bellevue High School Football without backlash. Then my son [redacted] calls me saying dad TC just called me! I instructed [redacted] not to call him. But to text him to see what he wanted? So he did that! TC replied he wanted to take [redacted] to lunch! This is the guy banned from Bellevue school yet he continues to call or text my son. I find it hard to believe it's on his own accord, since he works for Butch silently. I'm going to contact legal counsel, nothing to do with u but this has got to stop. We shared much of the same info with Shawn Flood if not more. Again I thought our cooperating was going to be confidential since we still live in the community but that doesn't seem to be the case! I'm sure if butch is asked he'll say he doesn't know what his assist coaches or boosters or team affiliates are doing! I'm hoping that they don't manipulate his huddle highlights or contact the schools that have offered him a scholarship saying bad things out of spite! It's happen with another kid who left so u can't blame us for being concerned!

Thank u

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 14, 2015, at 11:23 AM, Lowell, Jeff (Jeffrey R) <[redacted]> wrote:

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> I received the message. There is obviously a great deal here. I have been working on the information that came from our original conversation and will continue to do so.

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> Give me a little time to process this additional information and I will be in touch about next steps - I will shoot for a Friday afternoon phone call.

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> We can discuss next steps at that time.

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> Jeff Lowell

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