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From: James, Gill C
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:03 PM
To: Hume, Lauren B; Powers, Scott (William S); Harrison, John R
Subject: Follow-up

Lauren,

This email will serve as a follow up to our phone conversations and (the student is a 9th grader at Newport) and a possible transfer to Bellevue HS. The fact the parent mentioned specifically a Bellevue coach being involved raises the issue of illegal recruiting and I did as you requested and met with the student to gain more information.

Once I had him in my office I made it clear the goal was to get answers for Bellevue HS so that any notion of recruiting could be addressed. I asked for the name of the coach his father referenced in his emails to Mr. Powers and at first he said he could not remember. I then asked where the meeting took place and he said the Newport parking lot. I kept pressing and after some hesitation, he stated "IF I tell you something will you not tell my dad?"

In an effort to get to the truth I said I would do that. At that point he let me know he made the whole thing up in an effort to get his father to pursue getting him to Bellevue. The reason I believe the student is to be honest he is not a very good football player at all, although he is a nice kid. It made more sense when he said he made the whole thing up.

Once I heard that and knowing I promised to not tell his father I mentioned that should this issue surface again by his father that in fact if it became necessary he would have to tell his father what he did. He agreed. He also returned to my office after the class I pulled him out of, to again ask if I was going to tell his father. I told him for now I was not.

I hope this will suffice as a follow up on our end to the recruiting issue.

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