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Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Early in the school year, the Bellevue School District requested that Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, (WIAA) conduct a fact finding investigation that focused upon allegations in a Seattle Times article entitled "Bellevue High's Football Success aided by 'Diploma Mill.'" The WIAA commenced its investigation in September.

In the months since the investigation began, there has been some misunderstanding and confusion regarding this investigation. The District has expressed concern with the scope and the process of the investigation to the WIAA and the WIAA has been responsive to the concerns we expressed. The District has always recognized that it is in the best interest of the District, the Bellevue High School community and the WIAA to support a detailed, thorough, fair and reasonable fact finding process.

The District wants the truth to come out and to accomplish this I encourage you to support your son meeting with the WIAA investigators to answer their questions honestly and completely. Your son's cooperation will contribute to the airing of all of the facts. A failure to cooperate may contribute to an adverse inference in the investigative report which may be detrimental to the interests of Bellevue High School and its football program.

If you are supportive of your son participating in an interview with the investigators, I can arrange to have an administrator from Bellevue High School be present during the interview and your presence would also be welcome.

Please advise me either way of your decision by calling me directly at 425-456-4160 or email: harrisonj@bsd405.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.


John K. Harrison
Executive Director of Schools