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February 26, 2018

Delivered electronically to “cliff@pfrwa.com”

Subject: PDC Case 30674

Dear Glenn Gelbrich:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Chuck Wallace concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Chuck Wallace, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the preventing public facilities from being used to support election campaigns. PDC staff expects the District to continue its efforts to educate District staff on their responsibilities as stewards of public facilities.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Fox Blackhorn
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Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to “wallacecharlesr@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Kelso School District #458, PDC Case 30674

Dear Charles Wallace:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on January 26, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Kelso School District #458 may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for misuse of public facilities to support tax bond and levy ballot propositions.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff’s initial review, we found the following:

- The reader board for Huntington Middle School (HMS) displayed the message "Vote Yes on Kelso Schools" for 7 Days, after a suggestion was made to students by HMS Staff, in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.
- Immediately upon becoming aware of the improper sign, Superintendent Glenn Gelbrich quickly and proactively ensured that the message was taken down and that all school administrators were reminded of the importance of preventing public facilities from being used to support election campaigns.
- Superintendent Glenn Gelbrich also committed to developing a "*specific training for all staff consistent with statutory requirements and the PDC guidelines and presenting that training in advance of future bond and levy elections.*"

Based on these initial findings, PDC staff has determined that in this instance, temporarily displaying an improper sign, and proactively working to educate District staff and prevent re-occurrence, does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Kelso School District #458 about the importance of the preventing public facilities from being used to support election campaigns. PDC Staff expects the district to continue its efforts to educate District staff on their responsibilities as stewards of public facilities.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov.

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cc: Cliff Foster, Counsel for Kelso School District #458