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February 26, 2020

Delivered electronically to “superintendent@bsd405.org”

Subject: Complaint filed by Stefan Sharkansky, PDC Case 63412

Dear Bellevue School District Officials:

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

As noted in the letter to Stefan Sharkansky, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-586-4555 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s

Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Coordinator

/s

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Subject: Complaint regarding Bellevue School District Officials, PDC Case 63412

Dear Stefan Sharkansky:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on January 17, 2020. The complaint alleged that Bellevue School District Officials (Respondent), a Public Agency in the State of Washington may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for misuse of public facilities by producing and distributing political advertising that supports or opposes a candidate or ballot proposition, levy or bond.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by the Respondent to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.555 the Respondent is not allowed to use public agency facilities or funds to support or oppose a candidate or ballot proposition.
- The complaint alleges that the February 2020 Levy and Bond campaign of the Respondent’s was a misuse of public facilities as it is in support of the Levy and Bond passing.
- It is permitted as stated in PDC Interpretation 01-03 that “Districts may develop an objective and fair presentation of the facts regarding district needs and the anticipated impact of a ballot measure and may distribute it in the district’s customary manner. This information may be printed in various languages and communicated in other formats as required by the ADA.”

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance there is no evidence supporting a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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