#### **Respondent Name**

Mead School District Officials

# **Complainant Name**

Lee (Danny) Cole

## **Complaint Description**

#### Dannycole2005

(Fri, 24 Sep 2021 at 12:02 PM)

See Attached File

# What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

Carmen Green is a current school board member. She has used the reach and influence of the school district Facebook page to promote her own campaign, which provides an unfair advantage to her that her challenger does not have available.

# List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

Screen shot from Mead School District Facebook page.

#### List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Anyone who has liked the Mead School District Facebook Page

## **Certification (Complainant)**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Public Disclosure Commission 711 Capitol Way S. #206 PO BOX 40908 Olympia, WA 98504-0908

To Whom it May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the Mead School District violated campaign finance laws in its use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns, RCW 42.17A.555, when it shared a Facebook Story on the official Mead Facebook Page in support of Carmen Green for Mead School Board campaign on September 10, 2021. Please find a screen shot of the posting attached. The specific violation is as follows:

42.17A.555: Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns—Prohibition—Exceptions.

No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency.

This is a willful violation by employees, administrators and/or current School Board Members to use official resources to support their preferred candidate. The Mead School District needs be held accountable for this gross misuse of taxpayers' funds. In the very least, the Administration should be required to review RCW 42.17A.555 with administrators, employees & School Board Members.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Danny Cole 9503 N. Mallory Ct. Spokane, WA 99208

