



Re: DU's record

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bullying on 0207.pdf; The infamous incident 0208.pdf;

Dear Ms. Hillman,

There are a few things I would like to share with you regarding your reply.

First of all, Mr. Cohen confirmed with us in writing that there was not much service he could provide for us anymore after the re-entry meeting. He could not convince us to accept that my child had to be blamed and punished for something he did not do.

Secondly, my child has never had any behavior issues. Out of the blue, he was labeled as an offender in his disciplinary record and "expelled" from WSE. As his parents, we were never provided with any written explanations for both. If you believe, we (as his parents) have absolutely NO right to inquire for an explanation regarding his record and his "expulsion", please confirm that in writing. If the relevant personnel in the district has no obligation to respond to our requests, please also confirm that in writing.

Thirdly, my family decided to move to Kansas because of the reputation of Blue Valley District and the Chinese immersion program. What my children and my family had experienced this academic year has been the worst nightmare for any new families.

After the re-entry meeting in February, we did try very hard to leave what happened in WSE behind. As the district promised them for a fresh start, we sent them to Cedar Hills with hope and positivity. Unfortunately, DU's positive experiences only lasted for 8 days. On day 12, his brother was questioned by another 5th grader regarding whether DU threatened to kill his classmates. On day 14, DU experienced social bullying from some of his classmates, like what he experienced in WSE. He had a breakdown the next morning and refused to go to school. On day 16, multiple classmates confirmed with him that their teacher, Mary Brown, told the class that DU was expelled from WSE. After that, DU was completely crushed and could not go to school. He also could not go anywhere close to CHE. We have asked him hundreds of times about going back to school, which only ended up with refusing and crying. Since then, he had a change of personality. He has developed severe anxiety and was scared of going to new places and meeting new people. He is scared to see anyone from WSE and CHE as they would spread rumors about him with a murder list or expulsion.

If you believe we are exaggerating or making up stories, you are welcome to have multiple psychologists from the district evaluate his social emotional well-being.

Lastly, multiple parents from WSE confirmed with me that it is public knowledge that DU was the one who made threats and had a murder list. I will not be surprised if the same rumor has widespread in CHE.

What has happened in CHE only proved that he would never have a fresh start, having positive experiences and being safe at school as long as the rumors continue to spread. He had been a victim of social bullying.

My child was abused, bullied, falsely accused, expelled from WSE and also his reputation was ruined by Meaghan Graber's announcements. Even an adult who experienced slander can be devastated and have his life ruined. The series of incidents my child had suffered from have traumatized him and the harm that inflicted on him is immeasurable!

Sincerely,

Xiaolei

On May 22, 2023, at 10:26 AM, Hillman, Melissa D. <MHillman@bluevalleyk12.org> wrote:

Xiaolei,

Your family and your attorney were involved in the investigation process that occurred at Wolf Springs. I understand your attorney has withdrawn from representing you, so I am communicating with you directly. The School District does not intend to engage with you further regarding the events at Wolf Springs. We hope you can allow your children to move forward and have a positive learning experience at Cedar Hills and Pleasant Ridge.

Melissa Hillman
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Dear Ms. Farthing,

I am writing to inquire for an explanation of my child (DU)'s disciplinary record you sent. During our email exchange on May 8th, 2023, I asked two questions regarding the information on his record and was never provided any answers. I am hereby asking the same questions again:

1. What does the Incident Role: Offender mean?
2. What kind of inappropriate behavior did he engage in on February 10th, 2023?

Since it happened over three months ago, I am providing as much detailed information as I can to help you know what happened on the week of February 6th, 2023. Please also see the attached written reports. Since October 2022, we have been keeping a log for D [REDACTED] after we reported emotional abuse from his English para Stephanie Cleland. If you would like to find out what happened at school one more week, or even one or two months ago, I can provide that information.

02/07/2023

DU was falsely accused of stealing a rubric cube by his classmates. Two of them went through his backpack when he was not present and refused to give his backpack back. This incident happened right at the dismissal. Another parent and I dealt with the situation after school, as well as two teachers from WSE witnessed it.

02/08/2023

This infamous incident involved one student calling another student 'gay'. DU stood up against the bully and told him to stop. We reported it by email on the same night. Several parents from the same class shared the incident with all the other 3rd grade Facebook parents. What DU shared with us matched very well with what was shared on the Facebook. No one ever mentioned any student making threats. No teacher present heard any student making any sort of death threats. It was confirmed with me and Meaghan Graber.

My husband happened to have lunch with DU that day at school. DU retold the whole incident to his Dad with the freshest memory. DU told his dad that this was the first time in a very long while he was not the target of bullying. Finally, someone else in the class stood up for him when he was teased. He told us that he stood up against the bully by telling him "Stop being mean". There were so many students who were involved in this incident, including bystanders, cheerers (who were chanting and holding up signs saying the victim was gay) and upstanders.

DU was checked out for a dentist appointment right after lunch. He was absent for the rest of his English class in the afternoon.

This infamous incident was shared on the Facebook with over 100 parents. It had caused lots of anger among parents. We found out that there were many parents like us who were very concerned about the bullying that had been going on in DU's class. The administrators did not do anything effective and sincere to stop the bullying.

02/09/2023

Snow Day—no school.

02/10/2023

Because of the infamous incident on February 8th, there were multiple adults in DU's class that morning: his Chinese teacher and Chinese para, Meaghan Graber (principle) and Peggy Salts (school counselor). DU shared with us that there was no incident/bullying happened that morning. He only saw two girls from his class talking to Peggy Salts in the hallway.

DU was then taken by Peggy Salts to her office during lunchtime and he stayed there the whole afternoon till 3 pm. He was questioned about a murder list and making threats, which he had no idea about and passionately denied the accusations.

What did he do in that week that made him an offender? What kind of inappropriate behavior did he engage in? If standing up against bullying by telling them to stop was considered as inappropriate, what was considered as appropriate? Encouraging the bullying or supporting the ganging up behavior?

Since there was never a murder list and any threats, whatever was reported from the students on February 10th is a slander. If he was accused of causing disruption among WSE community, what did he do to make it happen? Meaghan Graber's school announcements on a murder list hoax and threats had indeed caused fear and panic among students and parents at WSE. Many students at different grade levels were openly expressing their concerns about a student with a murder list during the following week, and the school premises were swarmed with police officers.

Hope I can receive your explanation as soon as possible this week!

Thank you,

Xiaolei

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