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Re: Update on Seattle School District Investigation -
Recruiting Allegations

Dear Sirs:

The Seattle School District ("District") received a letter alleging a possible Metro League rule violation from Bishop Blanchet and Lakeside on February 15, 2006. The letter referenced alleged recruiting violations at Chief Sealth High School, as discussed in a *Seattle Times* article dated February 15, 2006. The District immediately started its investigation. As a first phase in the investigation, the District reviewed the residency of students on the girls' varsity basketball team, a factor that is relevant to the recruiting allegations.

The District's investigators prepared a factual report that contains potential eligibility issues on four girls that relate to student residency. See attached report (March 1, 2006). The District's investigators found that one of the students lived outside of the City of Seattle even though she listed a West Seattle address as her residence. I reviewed the potential eligibility issues and determined that the student who provided incorrect

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information to the District is ineligible. Following WIAA Rule 27.3.0, the District ruled this student ineligible for a period of one year.

The District will now commence the second phase of the investigation, focusing on the alleged recruiting violations. This investigation will take additional time to complete. The District has consulted with the WIAA and inquired as to whether a 30-day extension of time to commence and complete this part of the investigation is reasonable. Based on the number of recruiting allegations made, the WIAA indicated that a 30-day period to conduct a multi-person recruiting allegation investigation is reasonable. Thus, we seek your cooperation to allow the District an additional 30-days to commence and complete the second phase of the investigation. Depending upon the outcome of that investigation, the District shall report any violations and review the imposition of appropriate penalties.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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