



NEWS RELEASE

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From: WENATCHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 246

On September 6, 2014, it is alleged that a student raped three other students while on a charter bus that the District used to transport the freshman football team to an out of town athletic event. On September 8, 2014, the District became aware of the incident and cooperated with the local legal authorities in response to the incident. Moreover, the District began conducting its own internal investigation and hired Kris Cappel of the Seabold Group to perform the internal investigation.

On December 17, 2014, Ms. Cappel completed her internal investigation. Although the internal investigation did not find any evidence of systemic issues with bus supervision within the District, there is a finding that on September 6, 2014, the supervision on the bus was lax and ineffective in controlling the students' conduct.

Student safety has been, and always will be, a top concern for the District. The District is reviewing its student supervision and transportation policies and procedures to ensure that students are properly and appropriately supervised at all times.

The District is also continuing to analyze the internal investigation report by Ms. Cappel to determine the appropriate action to take against all the personnel that may have led to the lax or ineffective supervision on the bus on September 6, 2014.

For questions, please contact Brian Flones, Superintendent, at (509) 663-8161.