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8115 Gatehouse Road
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

November 24, 2014



This letter is in response to your November 10, 2014, letter seeking information regarding the Boosterthon fundraiser, specifically Boosterthon activities at White Oaks Elementary School.

As you are aware from your communications with Mr. Richardson, White Oaks Elementary School did not host a Boosterthon event this year. Accordingly, there is little pertinent information available regarding Boosterthon at White Oaks. Your communications to Mr. Richardson also acknowledged that Boosterthon is an event organized by the PTA. Therefore, Fairfax County Public Schools does not have access to the contract. Additionally, as this is a PTA event, the PTA is responsible for the selection of its fundraisers. Therefore, I cannot speak to the reason or reasons the PTA did not select Boosterthon as a fundraiser this year.

Finally, while I will not engage in the discussion of the hypothetical situations you raise in your letter, I can assure you that any concerns raised by parents regarding student participation in Boosterthon have been addressed when appropriate and pursuant to FCPS guidelines. We have started a review of Regulations 1370 and 1375 to ensure that they fully address booster and fundraising activities and the educational impact. Further, we will work with principals and PTAs to ensure that they are sensitive to those students and their parents who choose not to participate in Boosterthon. I appreciate your suggestions on how to improve our process. Having taken the above steps, I consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Atwater".

Angela Atwater, Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent, Region 4

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