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It is my understanding that the news media has requested and received the public records regarding a “concern” raised by a staff member, and as indicated in an August 27, 2015 e-mail to the human resources director, the staff member did not wish to submit a formal complaint. On September 16, 2015, Board President Thomas Ilstrup addressed this matter in a press release in which he stated, in part: “We believe that the concerns which were brought to the attention of the Board were thoroughly investigated by legal counsel.” I believe that the issues have been fully resolved to the satisfaction of everyone involved. As a result of the letter of reprimand I received, I will now be more conscious of the comments I make to male and female staff members to avoid the appearance of being confrontational.

The students in the Washington Local School District are off to a great start, and I want to see that continue. Therefore, I will not be responding to or debating any issues that may arise as a result of the records that are produced as the Board of Education, the administration, the certified and noncertified staff, the parents, the students, and the community have a right to expect my entire focus to be on the successful operation of the Washington Local School District.

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