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Press Release:

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in response to a press release issued by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on April 24, 2015 relating to an ongoing investigation in Williamson County Schools.

The investigation is being conducted based on a complaint made by an employee at Hillsboro Elementary/Middle School. An independent investigator has been tasked with determining whether or not school or district level administrators improperly used government resources, compelled subordinates to attend a political meeting on or off school grounds, or improperly influenced employees by creating a hostile working environment. There are no allegations of wrongdoing by teachers; teacher conduct is not under investigation.

The Board's Executive Committee has asked the independent investigator to suspend the investigation until such time as WCS has completed standardized testing as required by the Tennessee Department of Education.

Therefore, it is impossible to meet the deadline requested by the ACLU. However, we are committed to completing the investigation expeditiously without compromising its integrity.

The independent investigator has been charged with handling this matter fairly and equitably and has been directed to cooperate with legal counsel of any involved parties.

In closing, the WCS' administration and School Board place the utmost value in our teachers and staff members and we are absolutely committed to respecting the rights of all employees as afforded by The Constitution for the United States of America, laws, and regulations. WCS will take no action to infringe on these rights.

Respectfully,

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PJ Mezera Chairman
Williamson County School Board

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Mike Looney, Superintendent
Williamson County Schools