

## BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

### RESPONSE TO WCS RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT CASE #70044334

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The following is my response to Daniel R. Swetnam's response of June 12, 2008 that was on behalf of Worthington Christian Schools (WCS), an educational ministry of the Grace Brethren Church (GBC), to Better Business Bureau (BBB) Case #70044334.

#### **Response**

WCS claims to dispute the facts in the Complaint and Response but then refuses to identify a single flaw after Mr. Swetnam was asked to state exactly what he claimed to be "errors", "gratuitous libelous comments", "inaccuracies", and "inflammatory rhetoric". Clearly, that is because the Complaint and Response are completely accurate and all claims are valid as the publicly available facts presented prove. Mr. Swetnam also failed to respond to the publicly available facts presented that that prove that WCS is clearly guilty of Child Endangerment, Fraud, Deceptive Sales Practices, and Cover-Ups.

The entire paragraph from the article in The Columbus Dispatch newspaper that Mr. Swetnam referred to follows:

But Tim Ball, whose son graduated from Worthington Christian High School last year, says he'll continue to urge other parents to pull out their children. *"Bill Williams was completely aware our kids were in danger for 10 years from multiple molesters, and to me that would have been enough to fire him if he hadn't resigned,"* Ball said.

Note that all other administrators who were "caught" deceiving and defrauding the consumers about the "risk" to their children with at least two child molesters remain in control at WCS and thus WCS remains as a threat to unsuspecting consumers.

Following the events of October 2007 (i.e. WCS got "caught" putting the students at "risk" with at least two child molesters while deceiving and defrauding the parents about it continuously for over 8 years), WCS embarked on a series of actions, which continue to this day, in an effort to protect those responsible at WCS and GBC from being held accountable for their offenses against the consumers. As many WCS parents will confirm, the Special Council Investigation was merely another example of WCS trying to protect those responsible by inappropriately using the money of the consumers that was intended to educate the students.

Mr. Swetnam once again claims that WCS adopted additional rules and regulations (the CPP) which were only created after WCS finally got "caught" ignoring the existing rules and regulations for over 8 years that would have prevented the child molesters from being employed at WCS. As with the previously existing rules that were ignored, the consumers are given a false sense of security that puts those consumers at increased risk. It is worthy to note that supposedly the WCS staff had not even received a copy of the CPP nearly a month after

(on or about June 5, 2008) WCS adopted that CPP on May 7, 2008 as Mr. Swetnam proclaimed to the BBB.

WCS announced that a new superintendent was hired on June 12, 2008. However, all other administrators who are responsible for endangering, deceiving, and defrauding the consumers remain in control at WCS and thus WCS continues to be a threat to unsuspecting consumers.

Mr. Swetnam also refused to answer the simple question that follows:

“Why were the consumers never informed that an admitted child molester and an accused (later convicted) child molester were teaching and coaching students and both were permitted to be the youth directors for elementary-age children at WCS during at least the last 8 and 6 years respectively?”

Again, note that this question does not ask why the child molesters were employed but asks why the consumers were never warned that their children were in direct contact with and being taught and coached by child molesters. And again, the answer to that question should be obvious.

### **Conclusion**

As the publicly available evidence shows, WCS is clearly guilty of the following offenses against the consumers:

1. Child Endangerment because WCS put the students at "risk" with at least two child molesters for many years while both the students and parents (i.e. the consumers) were also given a false sense of security that put them at increased "risk".
2. Fraud because WCS understood that the consumers would immediately remove their children from the school, and stop paying money to WCS, if the consumers had known that their children were placed in direct contact and danger with child molesters who would be tempted to molest again.
3. Deceptive Sales Practices by WCS intentionally deceiving, misleading, and confusing the WCS parents about at least two child molesting teachers who were also coaches and youth directors for elementary-age children.
4. Cover-Ups while WCS (administrators, staff, and some parents) worked for many years to keep the consumers from learning about those child molesters.

The above premeditated offenses committed by WCS, a "Christian" school that is supposed to teach and obey the Bible, have also harmed the consumers as follows:

1. Harm to the upbringing of the students by WCS employing danger and deception that is a direct contradiction of the safety and honesty that the parents have been teaching their sons and daughters.
2. Harm to the "Christian" education of the students by WCS endangering, deceiving, and defrauding their customers and fellow man instead of ensuring the safety of and being honest and truthful with their customers and fellow man.
3. Harm to the reputation of the consumers by WCS informing the world in The Columbus Dispatch newspaper that those responsible don't apologize and don't regret their decisions that contradict the Bible. Similar WCS statements and criminal offenses harmful to the reputation of the consumers have also been highly publicized by several newspapers and in television interviews and stories about this "Christian"

school permitting those responsible for the danger, deception, and fraud against the consumers to remain in charge.

4. Harm to the student's psychological well-being by WCS encouraging the students to respect and allowing the students to become emotionally attached to and trust men who claimed to be "Christians" but who were known by the administrators to be adulterers who take advantage of and repeatedly molest children for their own sexual gratification.

My only motive in bringing this valid complaint to the BBB is to assure that unsuspecting consumers are warned of the danger, deception, and fraud that occurs at WCS. As long as any of those responsible who finally got "caught" endangering the students and deceiving and defrauding the parents for many years continues to be in control at WCS, WCS will continue to be a threat to unsuspecting consumers. As a consumer whose family was endangered by and was personally deceived, defrauded, and harmed by WCS in regard to two child molesters for over 8 and 6 years, it is indeed my civic responsibility to warn other consumers as I was not warned. I do not take these extremely serious offenses by WCS against me, my family, and all other WCS students and parents lightly.

Respectfully, sincerely, and honestly submitted,  
Tim Ball