

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT
CASE #70044334

May 16, 2008

The following response is submitted on behalf of Worthington Christian Schools (“WCS”) to the complaint of Tim Dennis Ball. WCS submits that the complaint contains numerous errors and gratuitous libelous comments and seeks relief which is not within the purview of the Better Business Bureau (“BBB”). More specifically:

1. Mr. Ball admits that his son attended WCS and graduated in June 2007. There is no claim that his son failed to receive a degree fully recognized by the State of Ohio. Upon information and belief, Mr. Ball’s son enrolled in and is currently attending Ohio State University. WCS fully performed all of its contractual obligations to Mr. Ball.
2. Mr. Ball proceeds to present an inaccurate, one sided airing of grievances including libelous remarks about various persons. Mr. Ball then states that “WCS parents expect” the terminations of selected personnel. While WCS obviously disputes his inflammatory rhetoric and his numerous errors, more fundamentally for these proceedings, the BBB cannot direct employment decisions. Moreover, if Mr. Ball is purporting to speak on behalf of anyone other than himself, his conduct may raise issues under Ohio Rev. Code §§ 4705.01 and .99.
3. Mr. Ball has created his own website where he posts his views related to WCS, and has filed similar complaints with various governmental agencies. Mr. Ball’s pattern of conduct makes it evident that he is not seeking redress for a legitimate dispute over business practices, but is instead on a self-appointed crusade. While Mr. Ball may choose to pursue such an approach, the BBB should not become a participant in his schemes.
4. Recognizing that it should always strive to do things better, after months of review and analysis, WCS adopted a Child Protection Plan on May 7, 2008. A copy is available to the public at www.worthingtonchristian.com/schoolinfo/child_protection_plan.pdf. The Plan is further evidence of the sound business practices of WCS.

WCS requests that the complaint be dismissed. If the BBB wishes to discuss this further, please contact counsel for WCS, Daniel R. Swetnam at (614) 462-2225.

Respectfully submitted,

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