#### BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

# REPLY TO RESPONSE FROM COMPLAINANT <u>CASE #70044334</u>

#### June 12, 2008

Tim Ball has submitted a document entitled "Response to WCS Response to Complaint" dated May 27, 2008 (the "Response"). This Reply is submitted in accordance with the email from the Better Business Bureau ("BBB") dated June 2, 2008.

### Background

WCS disputes the allegations and characterizations in Mr. Ball's original Complaint and his Response. Mr. Ball has no valid claim, and he has made it very clear that he is seeking to pursue a self-appointed crusade. Mr. Ball's true motives are summarized in both his original Complaint (where he requested that the BBB order wholesale firings at WCS) and in a statement he made earlier this year:

"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."

Columbus Dispatch, March 1, 2008, page A-2.

As a result, WCS will not engage in a line by line refutation of the repeated errors, exaggerations and distortions which appear in Mr. Ball's Response. Instead, a brief review of some of the things WCS has done is set forth below.

Following certain events which occurred in October 2007, WCS embarked upon a series of actions, which continue to this day. WCS will only mention certain of those actions. Mr. Ball is fully aware of the actions taken by WCS, and he has consistently endeavored to undermine WCS on each occasion.

In November 2007, special counsel was retained to investigate certain issues at WCS. Special counsel completed its work in February 2008, and a summary of its report was distributed to all WCS' parents. WCS adopted its Child Protection Plan on May 7, 2008, and it is available at <a href="www.worthingtonchristian.com/schoolinfo/child\_protection\_plan.pdf">www.worthingtonchristian.com/schoolinfo/child\_protection\_plan.pdf</a>. On June 12, 2008, WCS announced the hiring of a new superintendent. Throughout this process, WCS met with individuals who were concerned about, and sometimes critical of, WCS, but who could nevertheless engage in a rational discussion about the issues.

Mr. Ball does not have a child at WCS; his son graduated in June 2007 and is enrolled at Ohio State. Mr. Ball has never claimed that his son was harmed or injured by any teacher or administrator of WCS. Mr. Ball has no cognizable injury or claim. Mr. Ball's motives are clear. He is simply on a self-appointed crusade to harm WCS. Moreover, Mr. Ball pretends to speak

for others but lacks the ability to do so. On his website he has encouraged others to file Complaints with the BBB and various governmental agencies. To date, no one has followed Mr. Ball's invitation.

## Resolution

WCS has made considerable progress in addressing matters concerning the School. Mr. Ball, on the other hand, has not. His comments to the press quoted above, and his request for wholesale firings of personnel at WCS, reveal his true motives. He is seeking relief and actions which are not within the scope and purpose of the BBB. WCS requests that the Complaint be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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