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September 16, 2021

Mr. J. Hunter Brown
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*Re: Letter to Board Chair Nancy Garrett alleging ethics violations against
Eric Welch*

Dear Mr. Brown:

Williamson County Board of Education Chair Nancy Garrett provided me with a copy of the above referenced letter for review and to advise as to its credibility as an ethics complaint pursuant to Board policy and respond appropriately.

Board Policy 1.106 (Code of Ethics) provides a mechanism for review by an ethics committee regarding alleged violations of the provisions of that policy which include acceptance/disclosure of gifts and conflicts of interest as well as any alleged violations of state law governing ethical conduct.

The items listed in your letter relate to alleged violations of Policy 1.2021 (Code of Ethics for Board Members) and Policy 1.202 (Duties of Board Members). Neither policy provides a mechanism for review by an ethics committee regarding alleged violations of the specific provisions contained in those policies. Thus, I have advised Chair Garrett that your letter does not constitute a credible ethics complaint pursuant to the relevant Board policy. Accordingly, there will be no further action taken.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dana M. Ausbrooks".

Dana M. Ausbrooks
General Counsel

cc: Nancy Garrett, Chair
Eric Welch, Board Member
Jason Golden, Superintendent