

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Monday, October 14, 2024

Dear Ringgold Community,

This letter summarizes the results of Ringgold School District's investigation into alleged misconduct amongst the high school football team.

The health, safety, and welfare of all students and staff is a top priority; therefore, Ringgold takes all allegations seriously and will not tolerate any inappropriate behavior from students or staff members. Students, employees, and community members are encouraged to bring such matters to our attention in a timely manner so that each can be investigated thoroughly with minimal impact on educational and extracurricular environments.

As you know, the football game on Friday, October 11, 2024, was postponed because of alleged misconduct amongst the football team. The Ringgold School District Police Department and the Washington County District Attorney's Office conducted a thorough investigation into possible criminal conduct. That investigation has determined no criminal charges will be filed. The Ringgold School District administration also completed a thorough investigation of administrative regulations and policies. We have concluded that there was inappropriate behavior and violations to the District's athletic rules and regulations; however, these violations were isolated to a small subset of the football players and were not pervasive. We have also concluded that at no time was the coaching staff aware of the misconduct and that, if they were, they would have acted in an appropriate fashion as indicated by their commitment to creating an inclusive, family atmosphere where all students can learn and grow as football players and young men.

Although privacy considerations limit our ability to share confidential/corrective action information with you about the nature of this misconduct, we can tell you that the appropriate action has been taken to ensure that such conduct does not repeat itself. Should any student, staff member or community member become aware of any further problems, please feel free to report those matters to the school district in a timely manner. Any future misconduct, including any retaliation, will be dealt with swiftly and appropriately as the circumstances dictate.

Please do not hesitate to speak up about matters that concern you. If you feel any form of retaliation occurs, report it immediately, so it can be addressed quickly.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we investigated this matter. As of 1:30PM today, Monday, October 14, 2024, all football related activities (practices and games) are on as scheduled.

Sincerely,

Randall Skrinjorich | Superintendent

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