

Wylie East Family,

We want to address a situation that occurred yesterday at Wylie East High School and has since gained attention on social media. It is important that we communicate directly with our families.

During lunch yesterday, an outside organization invited by a student club distributed materials containing religious content to students on campus. The district was not made aware of this incident until a video referencing it began circulating on social media later that evening, around 8:30. Once we became aware, we immediately began an investigation. **While that investigation remains ongoing, we have confirmed that district protocols for guest speakers and student club interactions were not followed.** Ultimately, this issue stems from a failure to follow established procedures.

To clarify: Outside organizations are not permitted to distribute materials to students without prior approval from campus and district administration. Guests may speak only with official student clubs with prior approval and may address only students who have signed parent permission forms on file. In this case, the organization did not have permission to distribute materials, did not receive approval to speak with students outside of the club, and the club did not submit the required guest speaker request form.

These protocols exist to protect the learning environment and to give families confidence in what their children are exposed to during the school day. This situation is not about religion, politics, ideology, or any personal belief system. It is about a procedural breakdown. If proper protocols had been followed, this incident would not have occurred. We take that very seriously. **Mistakes were made, and we take full responsibility. We are actively addressing the lapses and reviewing our internal procedures and staff oversight related to student clubs and guest approvals to ensure incidents like this do not happen again.** At the same time, we firmly reject any suggestion that this was part of a coordinated effort to promote a religious or political agenda.

We also want to remind and strongly encourage students and families to contact campus or district leadership immediately and directly so that issues can be addressed promptly and constructively. Wylie ISD will not allow outside influence or online speculation to distort facts, sow division, or damage the trust we have built with our community.

Wylie ISD proudly serves a diverse population of students and families. We remain committed to complying with the law, following board-approved policies, and protecting the educational integrity of every school in our district.