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**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 6:00 AM

**To:** Daily, Jeff <daily@skschools.org>

**Cc:** Gattenby, Eric <gattenbye@skschools.org>

**Subject:** Sharing of Confidential Information

Mr. Daily,

Through an email from one of the members of your group, I was told that you shared the content of the board's Executive Session from the May 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting with at least two people. I will remind you that the information discussed in an executive session is confidential and should not be shared with the public. Actions such as this could put the district in jeopardy. There are things that I need to share with the board that are not for public information. I need to know that I can trust all board members with confidential information.

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Respectfully,

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**From:** daily@skschools.org <daily@skschools.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:12 AM  
**To:** Winter, Tim <winter@skschools.org>  
**Cc:** Gattenby, Eric <gattenbye@skschools.org>; Daily, Jeff <daily@skschools.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Sharing of Confidential Information

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Mr Winter-

Thank you for the note. I completely agree that confidential information is not to be shared. Having had a security clearance in the military that only 10K shared, I feel I am pretty trustworthy. The purpose of confidential information is to protect lives and operations. A public school district has none of these concerns.

I have no idea what was shared with you but I assume it deals with the \$1.1M land purchase that was on a previous public board meeting briefing and then suddenly disappeared. Apparently it raised some questions and concern that were sent to you. I don't talk with others often so I am at a distinct disadvantage here. Because I am now "different", I don't share in the affairs of the group but rarely and they share little with me.

However, what was shared by you at the "confidential" meeting was already known to me. As I have told you, I am connected in the district and word travels faster than we think. Because you apparently don't hear from others does not mean it is not known to others, including the unions. Most groups in the area are quite connected since many of the members are teachers and retired teacher and others who have a vested interest in the school system and the community. It appears that you finally had an opportunity to update the board on something that was already known and in progress. If this is what the meaning of "confidential" information is to you and the district, then perhaps getting the information to the board sooner might help alleviate your concern.

The publicly released information said the meeting would deal with real estate. The district has many people in it who deal in real estate as a side job and/or have a spouse who deals in real estate. I will not agree that confirming talk around the district in a private meeting constitutes "confidential" information. The best way to deal with talk within the district is to just deal with it directly and publicly. I do have grave concerns about what is called "confidential" information in the district. It is very concerning to me that the district has a strong reputation of distrust among those in the community and acts with virtual impunity as if the district is the god of gods in Port Orchard. Addressing public records request would be a perfect example.

As we have discussed before, perception is reality. In the new world of today, I can think of very little that is truly "confidential" in a school district. Most "confidential" information in this district seems to be just a power game for someone to withhold information to show they know more than someone else so they are more important than someone else- the normal ego game.

In summary, should you feel I am not to be trusted with district information, please alert me in advance of your confidential meetings and I will not attend.

Cordially,

J Daily

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