

Statement of Beechwood Independent Schools
June 27, 2025

On May 9, 2025, Dr. Mike Stacy, Beechwood Independent Schools Superintendent, voluntarily agreed through an Agreed Order with the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (“EPSB”) not to renew his teaching certificate after his retirement on June 30, 2025.

In June 2024, the EPSB made Dr. Stacy aware that the EPSB believed Dr. Stacy had failed to make a report to the EPSB about an alleged inappropriate relationship between a former Beechwood teacher and a former Beechwood student. Dr. Stacy acknowledges he did not make a report but maintains he did not reasonably believe he had information that would warrant such a report; therefore, the Agreed Order with the EPSB specifically reflects that Dr. Stacy maintains his innocence from any wrongdoing.

In March 2022, a Kentucky State Police (KSP) detective came to Beechwood unannounced to interview a teacher about a former student who had graduated in 2020. Up to this point, no report had ever been made to anyone associated with Beechwood regarding any allegations of potential misconduct.

District administrators cooperated and gave KSP full access to school facilities and the teacher in question. Following the interview with the teacher, no arrest was made. The KSP detective advised he would need to confer with the Kenton County Commonwealth’s Attorney. When Dr. Stacy asked for a copy of the student’s written statement, the KSP indicated it could not be provided. To date, no criminal charges have ever been brought, and the KSP and the Commonwealth’s Attorney never subsequently reached out to Beechwood with any information.

After the KSP detective left Beechwood, Dr. Stacy immediately met with the teacher who denied any misconduct. However, when Dr. Stacy advised he would need to open an investigation, the teacher elected to resign. The teacher never returned to the classroom or to Beechwood’s campus ensuring the safety of students and staff.

Superintendents are required to make reports to the EPSB within 30 days of having a reasonable belief that a teacher may have engaged in conduct that would warrant consideration for revocation of the teacher’s teaching certificate. Dr. Stacy maintains that when he and the board attorney did not receive any information from the KSP or the Kenton County Commonwealth’s Attorney that the teacher had engaged in criminal misconduct, he did not reasonably believe he had information that would warrant such a report.

Beechwood does not condone employee misconduct, and Dr. Stacy never attempted to cover up or hide any alleged inappropriate behavior by the teacher in question. The teacher was never arrested or charged with any criminal activity, and Dr. Stacy never received any report from any student or former student alleging misconduct by the teacher. Neither Dr. Stacy nor the board attorney ever received any report from the KSP or the Commonwealth Attorney.

Dr. Stacy has been in public education for 28 years and has never previously been accused of any educator misconduct. Dr. Stacy acknowledges he did not make a report but maintains he did not reasonably believe he had information that would warrant such a report, particularly when the KSP and the Kenton County Commonwealth Attorney's office never followed up with any criminal proceedings.

Beechwood has, and will continue to, put the safety and security of all students at the forefront.