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October 10, 2017

Dieringer School District
Attn: Jeffrey Dansen
Porter, Foster, Rorick, LLC
Two Union Square Bldg, #800
601 Union Street,
Seattle, WA 98101

Subject: Monte St. Johns; PDC Case 22183

Jeffrey Dansen:

On September 28, 2017, the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) held a hearing concerning the allegation that Monte St. Johns, a Dieringer School District director, failed to file the annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) as required for an incumbent school director for calendar year 2016.

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order for Mr. St. Johns in PDC Case No. 22183. The Order assesses a civil penalty of \$1000 against Mr. St. Johns for the missing F-1 report due April 17, 2017 for calendar year 2016. The F-1 Personal Financial Affairs Statement is an annual filing requirement for elected and appointed officials, due each April 15, to certify for the previous calendar year.

At the request of the Public Disclosure Commission, PDC staff is alerting you to the enforcement action against Mr. St. Johns, and offering any help necessary to assist Mr. St. Johns and other district officials in complying with their disclosure requirements as elected school directors.

If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 753-1980; toll free at (877) 601-2828 or by email at fox.blackhorn@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator

Enclosure: Order in Case 22183



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Monte St. Johns
2510 Tacoma Point Drive East
Lake Tapps, WA 98391

Subject: PDC Order, Monte St. Johns; PDC Case 22183

Dear Mr. St. Johns:

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order for PDC Case No. 22183. The Order assesses a civil penalty of \$1000 against you for the missing Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2016. The 2016 F-1 report was required to have been filed by April 17, 2017, as an incumbent School Director for Dieringer School District 343.

Under the terms of the Order, you are required to pay the \$1000 penalty and file the missing F-1 report within 30 days of the date of the Order, or not later than **November 9, 2017**. Please make the check or money order payable to the WA State Treasurer, and mail the payment to the following:

WA State Treasurer - Public Disclosure Commission
Financial Office
PO Box 41465
Olympia, WA 98504-1465

If you have questions or require reporting materials, please contact me by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Fox Blackhorn
PDC Compliance Coordinator

Enclosures: Order in Case No. 22183
Information about Appeals and Enforcement of Orders

cc: Dieringer School District 343 Legal Counsel

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In re the Matter of Enforcement Action Against: Monte St. Johns, <div style="text-align: right;">Respondent.</div>	PDC CASE NO. 22183 FINAL ORDER
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I. INTRODUCTION

This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) on September 28, 2017 at the Public Disclosure Commission Office, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Olympia, Washington 98504. The hearing was held pursuant to RCW 34.05, RCW 42.17A, and WAC 390-37. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

Commissioners Anne Levinson, Chair, Katrina Asay, and David Ammons were present. Micaiah Ragins, Compliance Coordinator, presented the matter on behalf of Public Disclosure Commission Staff (Staff). Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General, was also present on behalf of Staff. Also present was Scott Douglas, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of the Commission. Respondent Monte St. Johns did not appear.

The PDC had before it the following materials:

- Enforcement Hearing Memorandum prepared by PDC Compliance Coordinator Fox Blackhorn-Delph dated September 18, 2017;
- Notice of F-1 Enforcement Hearing dated September 15, 2017 for Case No. 22183;

1 • Letter from Kurt Young, PDC Compliance Officer, to Monte St. Johns dated August 15,
2 2013 regarding assessment of a \$300 penalty in PDC Case No. 13-148;

3 • Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Imposing Fine in Case No. 13-148
4 dated August 15, 2013, imposing a fine of \$300 for failing to timely file a C-1 report and F-1
5 report;

6 • Letter from Jacob Berkey, PDC Compliance Officer, to Monte St. Johns dated July 24,
7 2014 regarding Order Imposing Fine in Case No. 14-106;

8 • Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Imposing Fine in Case No. 14-106
9 against Monte St. Johns, dated July 24, 2014, imposing a \$300 penalty for failure to timely file
10 the F-1 report;

11 • Letter from Tony Perkins, PDC Acting Director of Compliance, to Dieringer School
12 District dated November 6, 2015 regarding Monte St. Johns's failure to file C-1 and F-1 forms,
13 and the Final Order in Case Nos. 16-060 and 16-156.

14 • Letter from Tony Perkins, PDC Acting Director of Compliance, to Monte St. Johns dated
15 November 6, 2015 regarding Monte St. Johns's failure to file C-1 and F-1 forms and the Final
16 Order in Case Nos. 16-060 and 16-156.

17 • Final Order in Case Nos. 16-60 and 16-156 against Monte St. Johns, dated November 6,
18 2015, assessing a \$1000 penalty against Mr. St. Johns for failure to file the C-1 form by May
19 31, 2015 (\$500 penalty) and failure to file the F-1 form by April 15, 2015 (\$500 penalty).

20 The hearing concerned allegations that Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing
21 to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2016, due not later
22 than April 17, 2017.

23 After reviewing the record, including the testimony by PDC Staff, the Commission
24 **HEREBY ORDERS** that the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order
25 of the Commission be entered:
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II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Monte St. Johns was elected School Director for the Dieringer School District in 2013. He continued to serve in that capacity for the duration of 2016, and remains the incumbent in that position.

2. Respondent Monte St. Johns had previously been found to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely file a C-1 Report, and was found to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to timely file an F-1 report in 2013 (Case No. 13-231). A penalty of \$300 was assessed. He was found to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a F-1 report for 2013 (Case No. 14-106). A penalty of \$300 was assessed. He was also found to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a F-1 report for 2014, and to have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to file a C-1 report upon filing for reelection in 2015 (Case No. 16-156). A penalty of \$1000 (\$500 per violation) was assessed in Case Nos. 16-060 and 16-156.

3. As an incumbent School Director, Mr. St. Johns was required to file an F-1 report no later than April 17, 2017, disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2016. As of the date of the hearing, Mr. St. Johns had not filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2016.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to RCW 42.17A, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; RCW 34.05, the Administrative Procedure Act; and WAC 390.

2. RCW 42.17A.700 states in part: “After January 1st and before April 15th of each year, every elected official and every executive state officer shall file with the commission a statement of financial affairs for the preceding calendar year.”

3. WAC 390-24-025 states in part: “Any person holding elected public office, except as exempted by the terms of RCW 42.17A.700, ... is required to file the statement of financial

1 affairs if such person holds such public office between January 1 and April 15 of any year. Such
2 report shall be for the preceding calendar year.”

3 4. Respondent Monte St. Johns violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal
4 Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2016.

5 **IV. ORDER**

6 Based upon the Findings and Conclusions, the Commission orders that:

7 1. Respondent Monte St. Johns is assessed a total civil penalty of \$1,000.00, payable within
8 30 days of the date of this Order.

9 2. Respondent Monte St. Johns is to file the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2016
10 within 30 days of the date of this Order, and in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(4) to cease
11 and desist from failing to file his required PDC reports.

12 3. PDC Staff are to contact the legal counsel for the Dieringer School District to remind
13 Monte St. Johns and other school directors about the F-1 filing requirement.

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15 The Executive Director is authorized to enter this Order on behalf of the Commission.

16 So ORDERED this 10th day of October, 2017.

17 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
18 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

19 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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21 Peter Lavallee
22 Executive Director
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NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION

Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the PDC within twenty-one (21) days from the date this Final Order is served upon you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested. Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.

Copy of this Order mailed and/or emailed to:
Monte St. Johns, Respondent
Phil Stutzman, PDC Staff (phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov)

I, Fox Blackthorn, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent/ Applicant at his/her respective address postage pre-paid on the date stated herein. [Signature] 6/10/17
Signed Date