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Ed and Jeff,

I am extremely disheartened to learn that a leading member(s) of our School Board and/or Lakewood City Schools Administration could be perpetrating falsehoods about my intentions and statements regarding an athletic dome facility meeting held on August 29th, 2013. These comments were made within what I considered a private meeting with both of you and one or two other members of your staffs. See the latest thread on the LO <http://www.lakewoodobserver.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=13107>

You both should know that it was 100% my own idea and I carried out my own personal and extensive due diligence to assemble the business case. Pursuing the idea on my part was in the best interest of LHS and the district and was in recognition of the decision timeline about how to stage the Phase III construction plan. To now see that one of you or a member of your staff at that meeting has attempted to tie my intentions for the dome to the current situation surrounding Lakewood Hospital is in my estimation, reprehensible. Since one or both of you enjoy personal ties with the author of the thread, I can only share how disappointed I am that a reference to my meeting 18 months ago now surfaces at a time when civic leadership (and maturity) is needed most. Clearly, this thread reflects a recently held discussion with the LO editor and a member of that meeting.

To see the quote attributed to a meeting attendee that has me suggesting a bunch of health care money would SOON be available is a complete and utter falsehood. I certainly said that the Cleveland Clinic could be a potential underwriter of the dome (through naming rights), as I did for UH, Eaton Corporation and whole list of possible private and non-profit entities. To my knowledge, none of written materials makes any reference to the Clinic.

Most of all, I am disheartened to see someone from the BOE or the Administration using their relationship with the LO editor to advance a personal agenda. This is a time where mature civic discussion is required and we don't need conspiracy theories injected because someone has an ax to grind with the city administration or someone within it. This is the 2nd episode in the last year I have witnessed where apparently someone is using their cozy relationship with the LO to create a conspiracy theory for their own benefit. The whole "City wants to take over the REC department" thread was just too timely with the city's attempt to form an Active Living Taskforce in 2014. Nothing has ever been farther from the truth and calculated and disingenuous by the individual that fueled it.

I am extremely concerned that citizens innovative thinking on behalf of the district will be stunted through these type of experiences. I certainly have learned my lesson. I doubt I will be bringing any new ideas or much of my time to the BOE and Administration anytime soon.

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