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CUSSD Statement to CIF-SDS

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Dear Mr. Heinz,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. As long-time members of the California Interscholastic Federation we look forward to finding a path forward as we seek to balance our faith, our school mission and our responsibilities as members of the CIF. I want to be clear, we intend to be cooperative members of the association where generations of our students have enjoyed the full richness of interscholastic competition.

Regarding your specific question of our forfeiture of the girl's volleyball match on September 12th 2023, here is our account:

Christian Unified Schools of San Diego has very clear doctrinal and theological convictions based in our Christian faith and Biblical worldview of God's creation order. Our statement of faith is clear and we seek to operate on the basis of consistency and integrity with our faith convictions. This includes operating our programs on the basis of this conviction.

On the morning of September 12, we were given information about one of the student-athletes from Helix Charter School that turned out to be inaccurate. With limited access to the President of our school district, we faced communications issues that resulted in the forfeiture. We have corrected those communication issues and forfeiture in these instances is not consistent with CUSSD policy.

Christian High Athletic Director Jeff Briggs and I have confirmed and are grateful for an opportunity to meet with Helix Charter School Executive Director Kevin Osborn on Monday, September 18. We intend to make the situation right.

Moving forward, we understand the rules and intend to comply with the rules of the CIF. Our student athletes will compete with other CIF teams as constituted in good faith and with the utmost concern for student safety and respect.

We appreciate being a part of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and hope that we are able to meet with you in the coming days to answer any questions so that you and the CIF can be confident in our position.

Thank you,

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