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Hello Prosper ISD. It's been an emotional two weeks since the Dallas Morning News broke a story about allegations of child abuse and an alleged cover up within Prosper ISD. I made an initial statement the day after our August School Board meeting to express my desire for a thorough and independent investigation. I understand that as your Board of Trustees, the only currency we have with the community is trust and once that is lost, it is very difficult to regain. I also feel that our role as trustees is to be the check and balance and oversight for the district: whether good or bad. I have spent the better part of this year speaking with you, the community, and have made many commitments about how I would act, engage, and conduct myself if I were blessed enough to receive your trust and your vote. To keep my promise of transparency, accountability and truth, there a few facts that I would like to share.

1. I became aware of the details of this incident when the Dallas Morning News article was published on Thursday August 25th. I had seen vague comments

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I am not yet making judgments about how this matter was handled because I have not yet been given all the facts. I believe it is important to let the investigation take place, to gather facts, and then communicate as much as possible to the community. I hope and pray that at the end of this, we can confidently move forward as a safer, wiser, and more trusting community.

It is never wrong to do the right thing. It might hurt, but it's never wrong. Our job as trustees is to find the truth, even if that truth inflicts a black eye. Black eyes will heal with proper care, time, and attention. But trust broken is seldom repaired. I pledge to do my part to find the truth.

I love you Prosper. Please continue to keep our amazing community in your prayers.

by members of central admin but due to the active litigation, there is nothing further that I can share regarding this meeting.

3. As it stands, the independent investigation is currently assigned to the same firm handling the lawsuit for Prosper ISD. As I stated last week, I have concerns about these types of investigations in general and I do not feel that the same firm handling the lawsuit can objectively handle an independent investigation for the Board of Trustees.

Making this post is not something that I enjoy doing, but I feel that above all else, I must keep my promise to be truthful and honest with you. I do not think that the law firm defending the lawsuit should be the one that handles the independent investigation.

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