

BVSD Statement Concerning Colorado ACLU Charges of Misconduct by High School Administrators

BOULDER – The Boulder Valley School District has received an electronic copy of both a letter from the Colorado American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to the Boulder Valley Board of Education and an ACLU news release asserting criminal wrongdoing by Monarch High School administrators. This charge by the Colorado ACLU concerns the handling last school year of an investigation of possible student misconduct.

The Boulder Valley School District supports the actions taken by Monarch High School administrators during the incident in question. Prior to confiscating the students' cellular phones and transcribing text messages found on them, Monarch administrators contacted the BVSD Legal Counsel's office and were told it was indeed legal for them to take the actions that they were then considering.

BVSD takes very seriously the civil liberties of each of its more than 28,000 students and weighs those rights carefully against its responsibility to guarantee the safety of all students. District administrators are willing to sit down and review this incident and the district's position with ACLU representatives but because this matter involves a specific student disciplinary situation, BVSD administration will have no further public comment regarding this issue.