



Mr. Matthew Hickam, Principal

Mr. Jeff Gossett, Asst. Principal

July 16, 2018

To: Du Quoin Chamber of Commerce
Re: Campus American Youth Group, Inc.

Dear Stacy,

On behalf of Du Quoin High School I want to thank you for your help in communicating information regarding a dishonest business who is making attempts to solicit financial backing on our behalf.

In 2015, the Campus American Youth Group produced folders with drug/alcohol awareness information on them as well as ads for local businesses. Given the quality of the product we received and the very negative experience we had in communicating with this company, we cancelled the contract in November, 2015. Despite this cancellation, and revealing the character of this organization and its owner, Campus American Youth Group representatives attempted to solicit advertisements in September, 2017 and again in July, 2018.

If representatives from this group attempt to solicit donations or support from you, I advise you to *not* provide any and ask you to contact us to let us know. They do not have an open contract with us and do not have permission to use our school name or school logos.

I want to express our gratitude to all the local businesses and community members who have been supportive of our programs and students. It is greatly appreciated. I am angered by the efforts of outsiders (this group is based out of Florida) to take advantage of local businesses who have the interest of students in mind. Our attorney for the school district, Jerry Smith, is working with us to see what we can do to keep this organization away from our community and I have reached out to the Illinois Attorney General's office as well.

Again, thank you for sharing this information. If I can answer any questions or provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at mhickam@duquoinschools.org or at 542-4744 ext. 2157.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hickam
Principal