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Commissioner Dwight D. Jones Statement on Concerns at Cesar Chavez Network

Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones issued the following statement in response to reports circulating today that some official student records may have been destroyed at Cesar Chavez Network's Goal Academy, an online school based in Pueblo and authorized by the Charter School Institute.

"I am extremely concerned about the reports that individual student records have been destroyed at GOAL academy. Destruction of student records is a violation of state and federal law and I would encourage all staff members to cooperate in preventing further destruction of educational records and documents.

"We will continue to work in close coordination with the Charter School Institute in gathering all the facts. Taxpayers, parents and the community at large expect a full accounting of Goal Academy's business and enrollment."

Anyone with information about unlawful destruction or removal of records may contact local law enforcement or the Charter School Institute, 303-866-3299.

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