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to Tony.Dearman@BIE.EDU, me ▾

Mr. Dearman,

My name is Gary Tanner and I recently retired at Haskell Indian Nations University from that Athletic Department. I am sending you this email to ask that you take a personal interest in the situation that is happening in the Athletic Department concerning the Cross Country Program. I believe that there is intimidation and bullying at least going on toward Coach Clay Mayes. He has now had his contract put on hold and is not getting paid for "not being able to do his job", but look at his recruiting and program building that he has been doing.

I also believe that there is a conflict of interest with the acting Athletic Director and Clay Mayes the Cross Country Coach who replaced her brother this year, which is not Coach Mayes's fault. I think some nepotism also may exist with the Athletic Director supervising her brother, the present Head Track Coach and past Cross Country Coach. (The Athletic Director supervises all coaches to some point)

Cross Country is one of the more visible Athletic Programs in Indian Country across the nation and could be a very good program if it had support and positive effort toward it and it's coach. I am not the only one who feels this way and we all want to support the Cross Country Program.

Clay Mayes deserves to be supported and backed by the University and Athletic Department, but it seems to all of us that know and understand Haskell Athletics that he has not been given a chance to thrive. He has been trying to battle barriers and limitations put in front of him since he got to Haskell.

Please do not take my word on this but contact him and visit with him on this. I believe that he is being railroaded out by several other people also that are in the click at Haskell against him.

Please contact me if you need anything else on this situation.