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**SENT VIA FAX & U.S. MAIL
(256) 331-0069**

Gary Williams
Superintendent
Franklin County Schools
Board of Education
PO Box 610
Russellville, AL 35653

Re: Prayer at Football Games

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) to follow up on a letter we sent on September 23, 2011. In that letter we stated that we had received a complaint from a concerned district parent regarding prayers recited over the loudspeakers at Phil Campbell High School football games. We were also informed that you have personally led the stadium in prayer. It is illegal for a public school to organize, sponsor, or lead prayer at school athletic events. I have included a copy of the original letter for your reference.

To date, we have not received a response to our letter. We would greatly appreciate hearing from you in writing indicating what action has been taken by Franklin County Schools to remedy this violation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Stephanie A. Schmitt
Staff Attorney

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Enclosure