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**SENT VIA U.S. MAIL**

Mr. Dan LaLonde  
President, Board of Education  
Ilion Central School District  
1 Golden Bomber Drive  
Ilion, NY 13357

Re: Prayers at School Board Meetings

Dear Mr. LaLonde:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) to follow up on a letter we sent on June 29, 2011. In that letter we stated that we had received a complaint from a resident regarding the Ilion Central School District's Board of Education's practice of opening each bimonthly, public meeting with a prayer. The inclusion of this scheduled prayer in Board of Education meetings raises constitutional concerns. 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 actions have been taken to address these constitutional concerns.

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

Sincerely,



Rebecca Markert  
Staff Attorney

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Enclosure