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**Re: Bible Required in Algebra Classroom**

In response to your letter concerning the supply list in Mrs. Amy Priddy's class, I did find evidence that Mrs. Priddy submitted a supply list that required each student to bring a bible to class and a reference to "Listen to the spirit of the Lord".

Mrs. Priddy was embarrassed by her mistake. This is Mrs. Priddy's third year as a teacher at Lindale Junior High and her explanation of the incident is as follows:

"Before coming to Lindale Junior High I taught in a private school. When preparing my supply list for the 2011-2012 school year I used a previous supply list and I inadvertently failed to cut and paste the Bible requirement and reference to the spirit of the Lord from the current supply list."

Mrs. Priddy has developed a new supply list and will distribute it to all students on 8/31/11.

Upon visual inspection of her classroom I found no other reference that could possibly promote religion and/or any other violation of any basic constitutional principle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Stan Surratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Stan Surratt

Superintendent

Lindale ISD