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Sent Via Fax and U.S. Mail  
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Stephanie A. Schmitt  
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Freedom From Religion Foundation  
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Madison, WI 53701

Re: Prayer at Kindergarten Open House

Dear Ms. Schmitt:

This letter is in response to your letter that I received by fax on September 13, 2011 in regards to "Prayer at Kindergarten Open House".

You requested that the District investigate the complaint alleged that the PTA President at Seele Elementary began a PTA meeting by leading attendees in the national pledge of allegiance, the state pledge and a Christian prayer, on the campus video public address system.

My investigation found that the PTA President did, in fact, say a prayer over the video public address system. During the investigation, I verbally advised the principal of Seele Elementary that such prayer was not allowable at school activities.

I also advised all principals at an administrative meeting on September 20, 2011 that prayer during the school day and at school sponsored activities were not allowable. I followed that conversation with a written memo dated September 29, 2011, which I have included with this letter.

Sincerely,

Randy Moczygemba  
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Memo: NBISD Principals, Dr. Pursch, Steve Brown, Stephanie Ferguson, Kathy Kenney  
Subject: Prayer during school functions and/or activities  
Date: September 29, 2011

The purpose of this memo is to follow-up on our discussion at our principal's meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2011 regarding prayer at school-sponsored functions and/or activities.

You will recall that the district has received a complaint from the Freedom From Religion Foundation in regards to a prayer that was given by the PTA president at a PTA meeting at one of our campuses.

Please take the steps necessary to ensure that speakers at school functions and/or activities do not deliver prayer(s) at any time to attendees during these events.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Randy Moczygemba in cursive script.  
Randy Moczygemba  
Superintendent NBISD