



September 23, 2024

VIA EMAIL ONLY: hjoshi@ffrf.org

Mr. Hirsh Joshi
Legal Fellow
Freedom From Religion Foundation
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Re: Teacher Promoting Bible Study

Dear Mr. Joshi:

I write in response to your correspondence, dated September 10, 2024, regarding teacher communications in a specific classroom at the Steelville R-III School District. Please be advised that this firm represents the Steelville R-III School District in this matter. Accordingly, please direct all future communications regarding this matter to us. The District is in the process of performing an investigation into the allegations and concerns raised in your letter to determine whether District policies were violated.

We will be unable to share the results of that investigation with you, as it involves confidential student and personnel information. However, in the interim, the District has taken steps to remind District staff of the District's policies, including the requirement that staff avoid the promotion of religious views at school and that, to the extent student involvement in religious activity occurs on school grounds, District staff are not allowed to suggest such student-led activities are an endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the District.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. If you have any further questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emily Omohundro

Emily Omohundro