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Via U.S. Mail

Rebecca S. Markert
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Re: Response to October 21, 2016 Letter Concerning Dalton Local Schools

Dear Ms. Markert:

Consistent with my July 14, 2016 correspondence, I did share your July 5, 2016 correspondence and attachments with the Dalton Local Schools' Superintendent. Without debating whether the two references to "God" made by Mark Hirst constituted proselytizing, the District has authorized me to share with you the following assurances:

- (1) The Superintendent shared your July 5, 2016 correspondence and attachments with Mr. Hirst;
- (2) The Superintendent will be requiring that any outside speaker at a District-sponsored event, such as graduation, provide a copy of the speaker's remarks to the Superintendent for review to ensure there are no comments that could be construed as proselytizing; and
- (3) Any outside speaker will be advised of the District's adherence to its obligations under the Establishment Clause with regard to not promoting any religion or religious beliefs.

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Very truly yours,

Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan C. Hastings".

Susan C. Hastings

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cc: James Saxer, Superintendent (via email) dltn_jsaxer@tccsa.net