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**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

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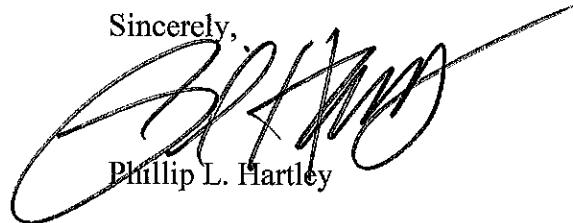
Re: Dawson County School District

Dear Mr. Line:

Thank you for your letter to me of September 19, 2018 and bringing this concern to the attention of the School District. The District is committed to complying with the principles set forth in the First Amendment including the Establishment Clause while protecting the rights of students to exercise their freedom of religion rights under the Constitution. The Superintendent has spoken with appropriate individuals and employees and is confident that any prayer in a school setting that involves students in the future will be voluntary, student initiated, and student led so as to protect the rights of all students in the District. This will apply to staff as well as volunteers.

Thank you for sending the correspondence directly to me and any future correspondence can continue to be sent here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Hartley", written over a horizontal line.

Phillip L. Hartley

PLH:drj

c: Dr. Damon Gibbs